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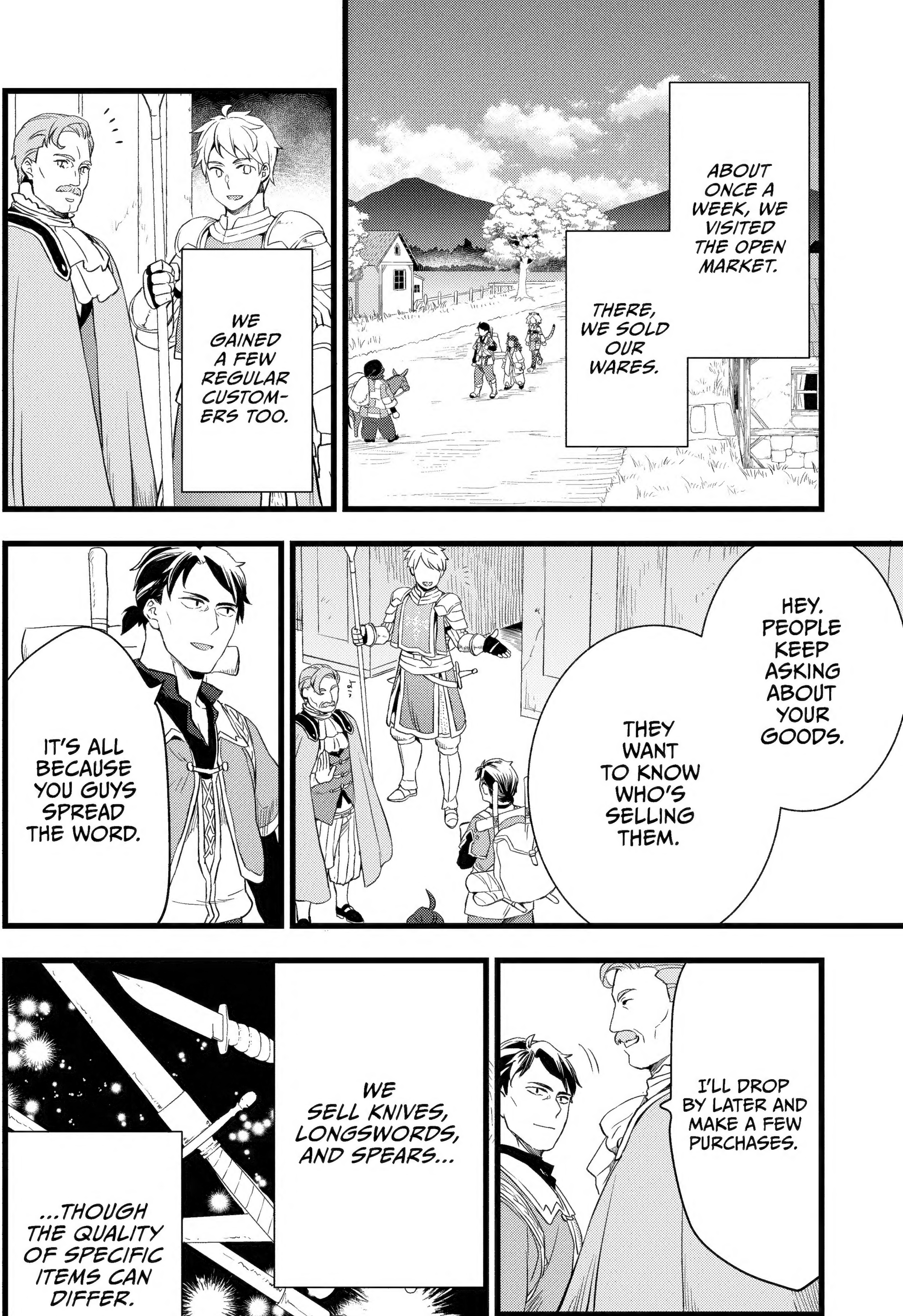
CHAPTER 6

FIRST CAME SAMYA, AND THEN CAME MY APPRENTICE, RIKE. AND SO OUR FAMILY GREW TO THREE.
THANKS TO THE EVER-DILIGENT RIKE...
...AND SAMYA, WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP OUT...
I'll do it!
...I WAS ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME ON MY WORK.
AND SO, FORGE EIZO'S PRODUCTIVITY INCREASED.
I'm back!
We finished making this week's batch!
Nice!


ABOUT ONCE A WEEK, WE VISITED THE OPEN MARKET.
THERE, WE SOLD OUR WARES.
WE GAINED A FEW REGULAR CUSTOMERS TOO.
HEY. PEOPLE KEEP ASKING ABOUT YOUR GOODS.
THEY WANT TO KNOW WHO'S SELLING THEM.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU GUYS SPREAD THE WORD.
I'LL DROP BY LATER AND MAKE A FEW PURCHASES.
WE SELL KNIVES, LONGSWORDS, AND SPEARS...
...THOUGH THE QUALITY OF SPECIFIC ITEMS CAN DIFFER.

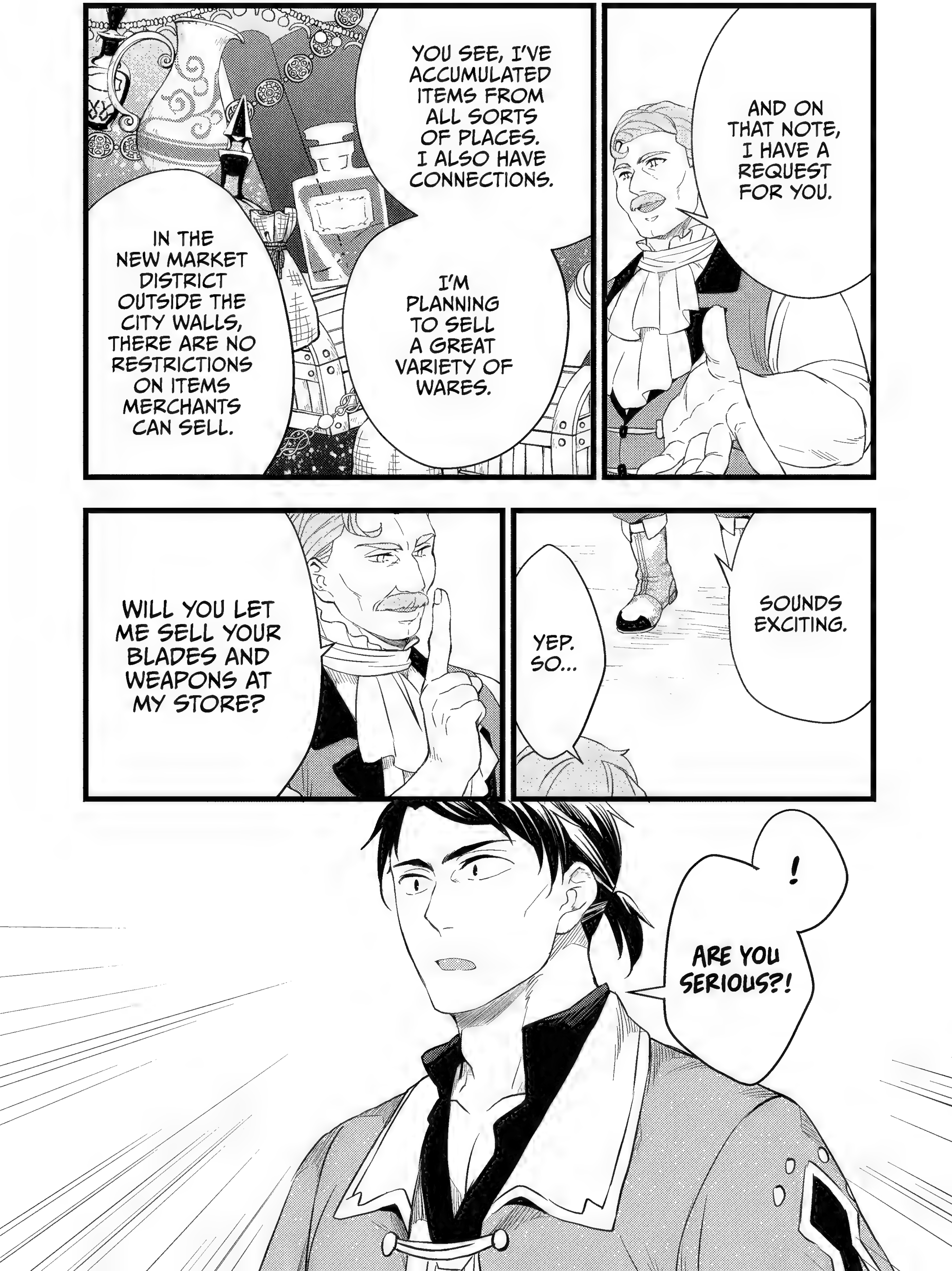
ON THE LOW END OF QUALITY, WE HAVE THE ENTRY-LEVEL MODELS, WHICH ARE EASY TO FORGE.
Oh my! I saw a lady on my street using your knife!
I was waiting for you!
Thank you!
THESE MODELS ARE PRICED AFFORDABLY, AND THEY CUT WELL. THEY'RE VERY POPULAR AMONG HOUSEWIVES.
NEXT ARE THE ELITE MODELS, MUCH HIGHER QUALITY ITEMS SUITED FOR EXPERTS.
THEY'RE A BIT MORE EXPENSIVE, BUT POPULAR AMONG SWORD VETERANS.
I'll take this.
IF I COULD SET UP A RELATIONSHIP WITH A DISTRIBUTOR, PERHAPS I'D SELL MORE OF THESE.
OUR HIGHEST-QUALITY ITEMS AREN'T EVEN ON DISPLAY.
I'VE DECIDED TO SELL THEM ONLY TO THOSE I DEEM SUITABLE.
I CALL THEM CUSTOM MODELS.

TO FORGE CUSTOM MODEL BLADES, I ACTIVATE THE CHEATS GRANTED TO ME BY THE WATCHDOG AND CRANK THEM UP TO THE MAX.
BUT BECAUSE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY OF MY CUSTOM MODELS, I CAN'T SELL THEM TO JUST ANYONE. THEY'RE TOO DANGEROUS.
STILL, IF THERE'S NO OPPORTUNITY TO SELL THEM, CAN I REALLY CALL THEM PRODUCTS?
Hrmm...
Thinking...

YOU SOLD OUT AGAIN, BOSS!
YEAH. IT SOUNDS LIKE CUSTOMERS ARE SPREADING THE GOOD WORD ABOUT US.
AREN'T OUR ORE, COAL, AND CLAY SUPPLIES RUNNING A LITTLE LOW?
DO YOU HAVE A SUPPLIER?
Urgh...
I NEED TO GET ON THAT...
THE CABIN AND FORGE THAT THE WATCHDOG PREPARED FOR ME...
...CAME WITH SOME FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES, BUT WE'RE DEPLETING THEM FAST.

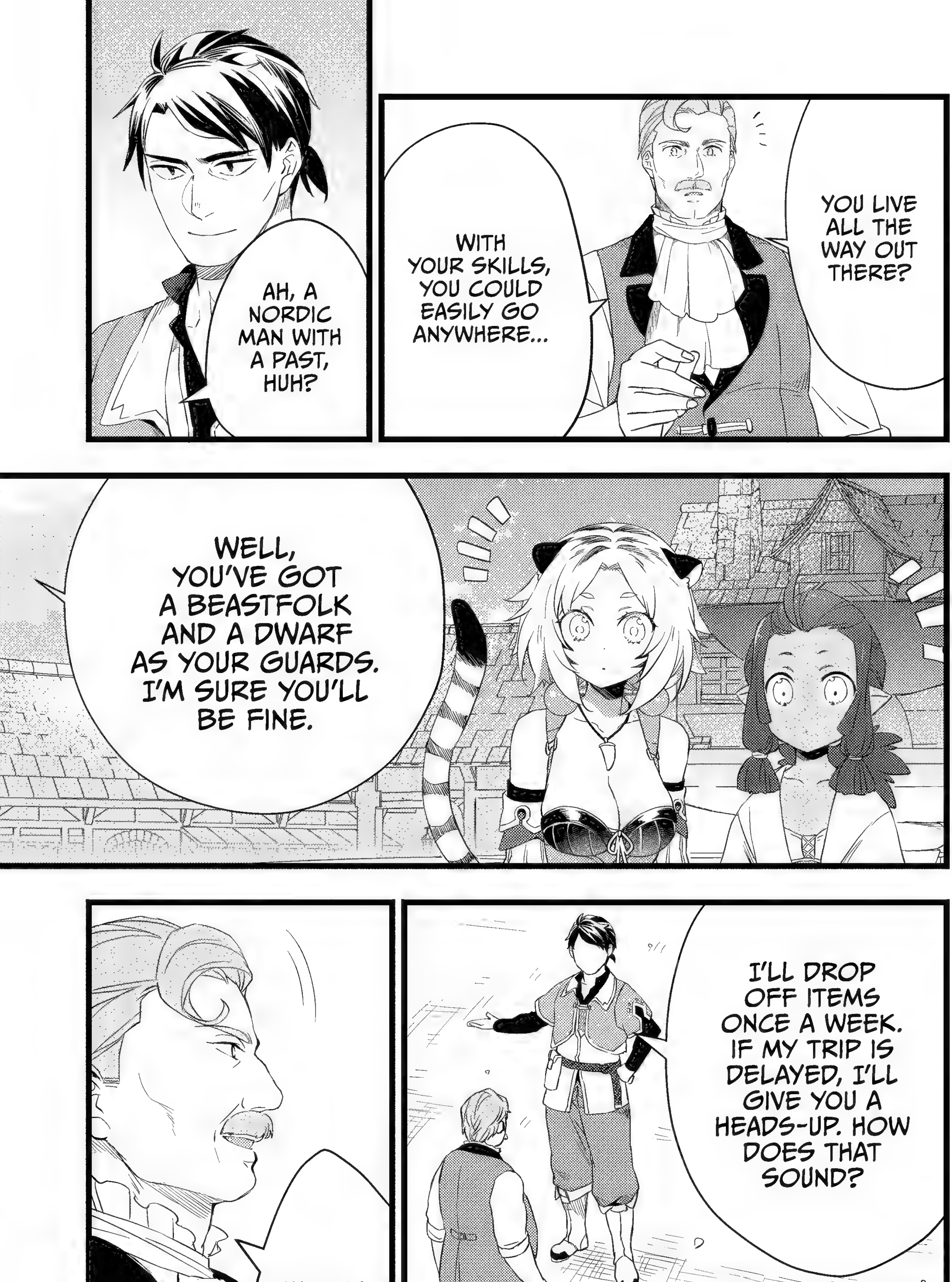
NOM
MAYBE I'LL ASK THAT MERCHANT IF HE'S GOT ANY LEADS...
AH, YOU'RE STILL HERE!
I HEARD YOU'D WRAPPED UP FOR THE DAY...
...SO I CAME RUNNING TO CATCH YOU!
DASH
DASH
PERFECT TIMING.
YOU BOUGHT SO MUCH OF MY STOCK THAT WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT. I'M VERY GRATEFUL.
Phew!
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
THEY SELL VERY WELL.
IN FACT, MANY OF MY CLIENTS ARE ASKING FOR MORE.
REALLY? HAD I KNOWN THAT, I WOULD'VE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT AND MADE ANOTHER TEN.

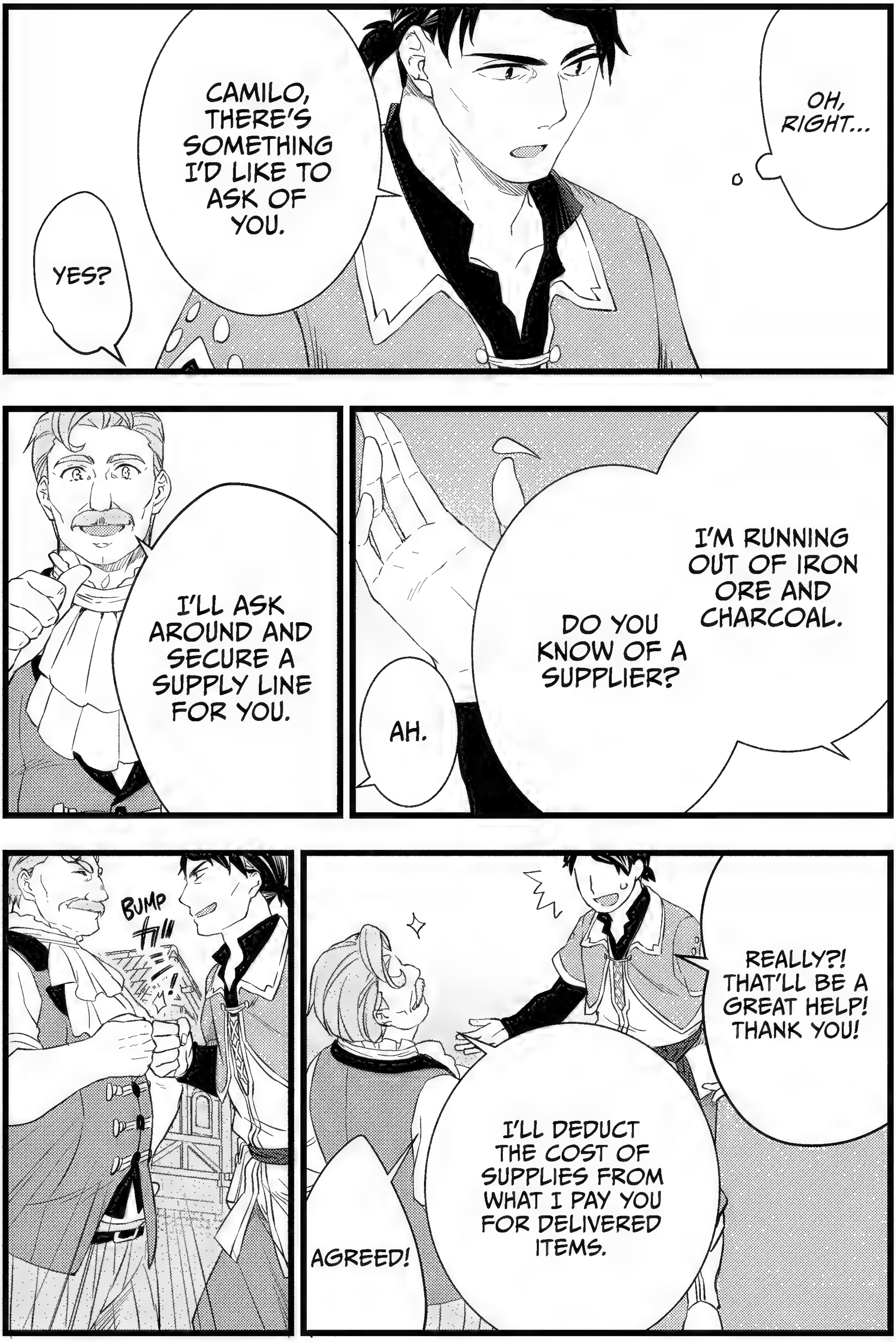
GREEDY FOR A CRAFTSMAN, EH?
I SPEND ALL DAY HAMMERING IRON, SO I LIKE TO SEE SOME SILVER SOMETIMES.
Oh?
GOOD. THEN YOU'LL LIKE WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
HMM?
YOU SEE, I'M PLANNING TO SET UP A SHOP HERE.
I DON'T MEAN A BOOTH IN THE OPEN MARKET. A REAL SHOP.
WOW! CONGRATULATIONS!
The food was delicious!
Ate two
YAWN...


YOU SEE, I'VE ACCUMULATED ITEMS FROM ALL SORTS OF PLACES. I ALSO HAVE CONNECTIONS.
IN THE NEW MARKET DISTRICT OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS, THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON ITEMS MERCHANTS CAN SELL.
I'M PLANNING TO SELL A GREAT VARIETY OF WARES.
AND ON THAT NOTE, I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU.
SOUNDS EXCITING.
YEP. SO...
WILL YOU LET ME SELL YOUR BLADES AND WEAPONS AT MY STORE?
!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

I'M INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE QUALITY OF YOUR LONGSWORDS.
Ha ha ha!
WHEN DID HE GET TO USE ONE?
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I WANTED ANOTHER INCOME SOURCE.
AND...
HEY, PEOPLE KEEP ASKING ABOUT YOUR GOODS. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHO'S SELLING THEM.
HERE'S MY CHANCE!
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT FINDING A DISTRIBUTOR.
IF YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ME, THEN I'M IN.
CLAP
GREAT, THANK YOU!

THE NAME'S CAMILO. LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
I'M EIZO. I LIVE IN THE BLACK FOREST. IT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY.
CLENCH


YOU LIVE ALL THE WAY OUT THERE?
WITH YOUR SKILLS, YOU COULD EASILY GO ANYWHERE...
AH, A NORDIC MAN WITH A PAST, HUH?
WELL, YOU'VE GOT A BEASTFOLK AND A DWARF AS YOUR GUARDS. I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE.
I'LL DROP OFF ITEMS ONCE A WEEK. IF MY TRIP IS DELAYED, I'LL GIVE YOU A HEADS-UP. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
WORKS FOR ME.


OH, RIGHT...
CAMILO, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK OF YOU.
YES?
I'M RUNNING OUT OF IRON ORE AND CHARCOAL.
DO YOU KNOW OF A SUPPLIER?
AH.
I'LL ASK AROUND AND SECURE A SUPPLY LINE FOR YOU.
REALLY?! THAT'LL BE A GREAT HELP! THANK YOU!
I'LL DEDUCT THE COST OF SUPPLIES FROM WHAT I PAY YOU FOR DELIVERED ITEMS.
AGREED!
BUMP

I GOT MYSELF A SUPPLY LINE!
I'LL OPEN UP SHOP NEXT WEEK. WHEN YOU COME TO THE CITY, BRING ME YOUR WARES!
Later!
THE FOLLOWING WEEK...
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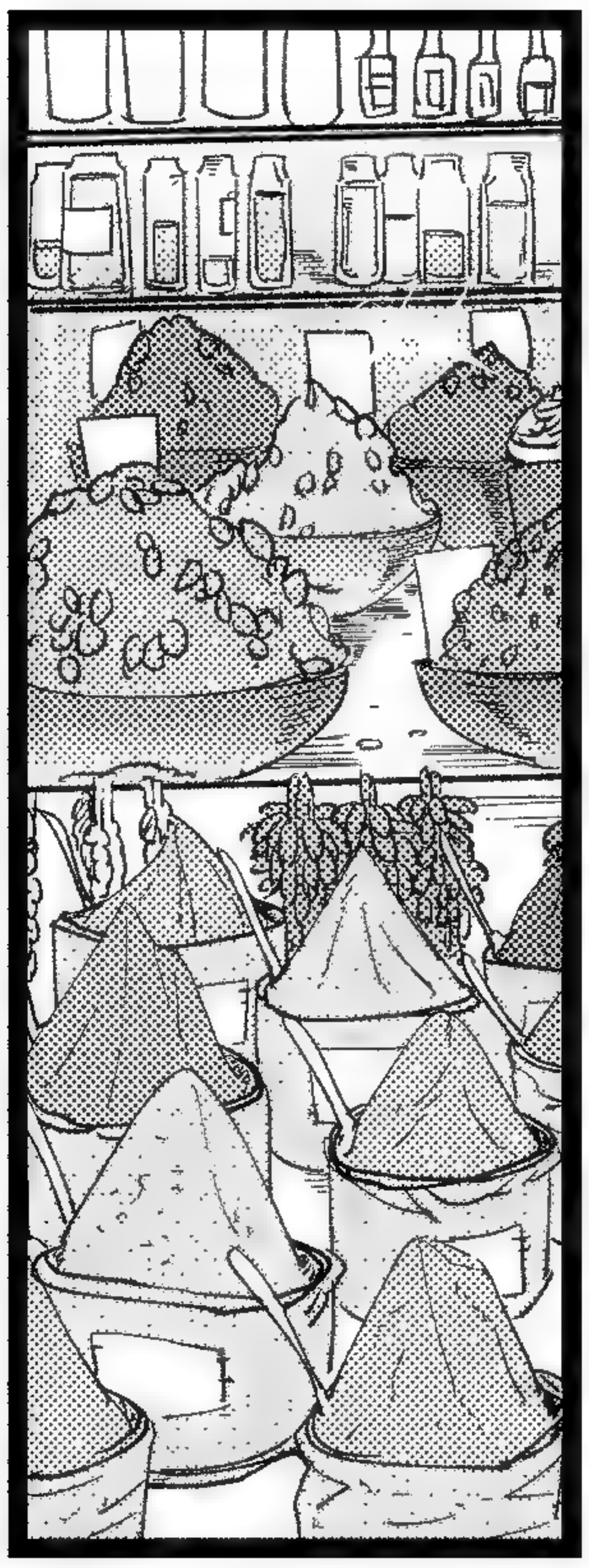
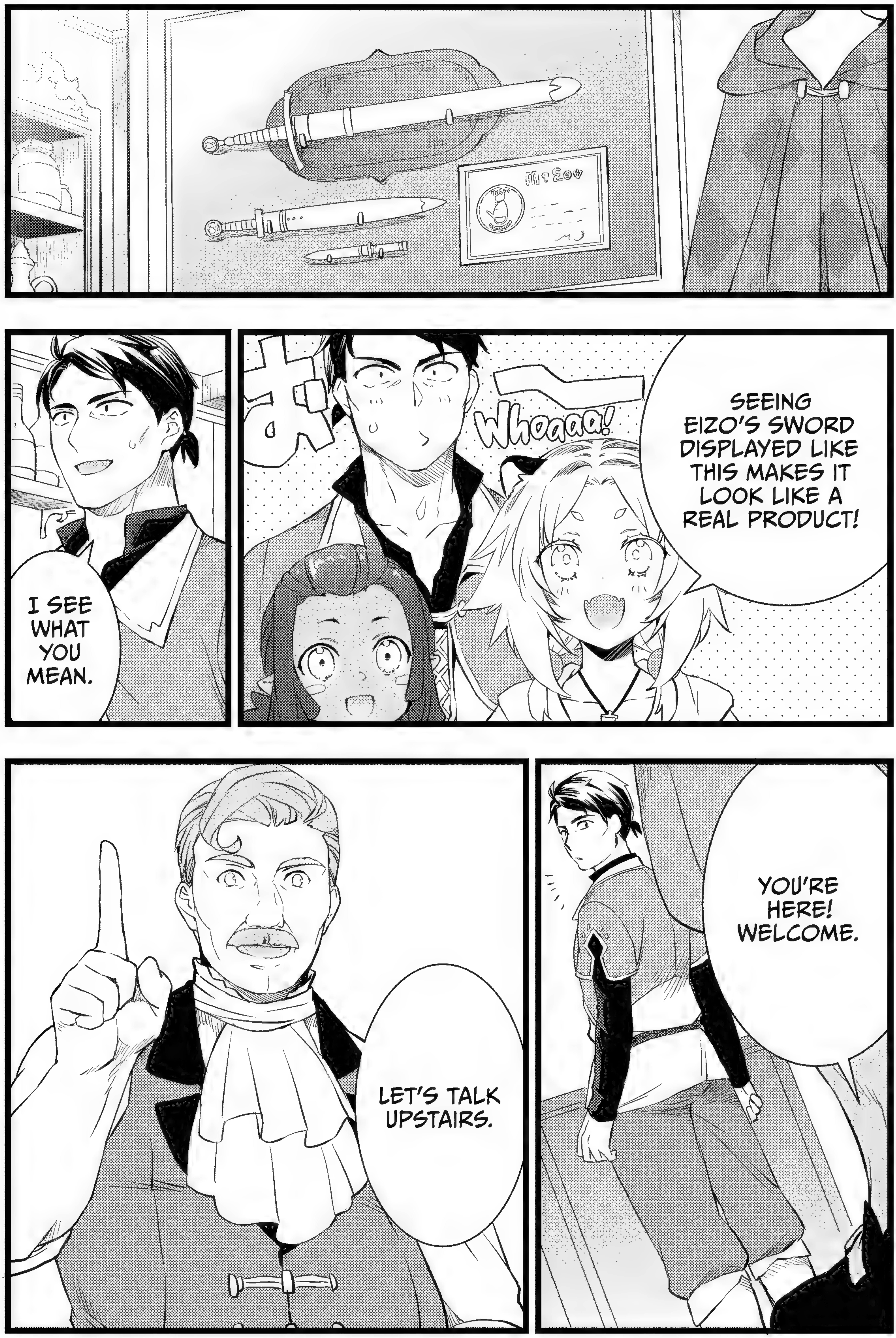
BAM
Whoa...

IT'S HUGE.
YEAH, I'M SURPRISED TOO.
Welcome!



Wow!
Rare spices!
AWESOME.
LOOK.
?
Smells funky!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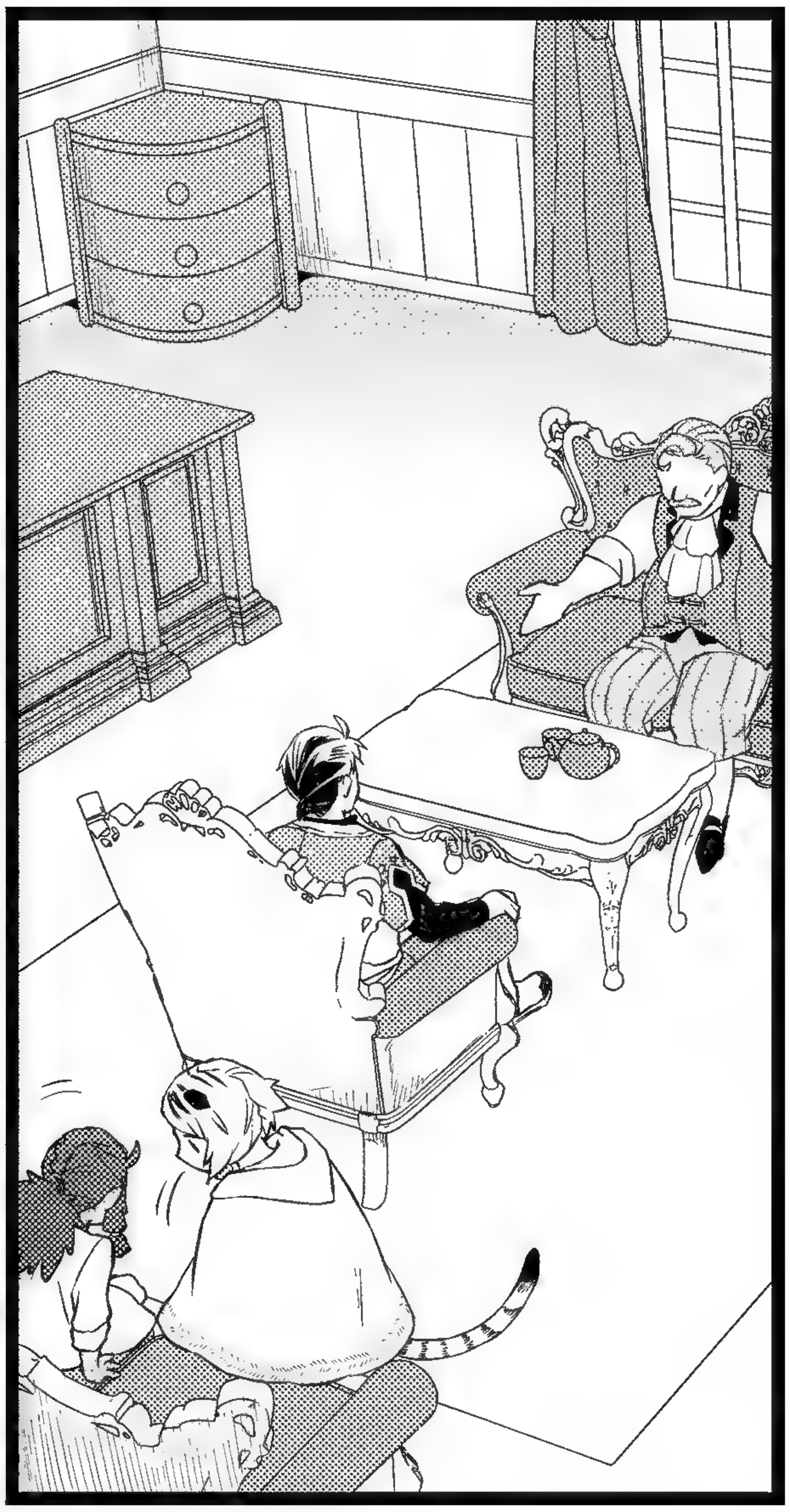
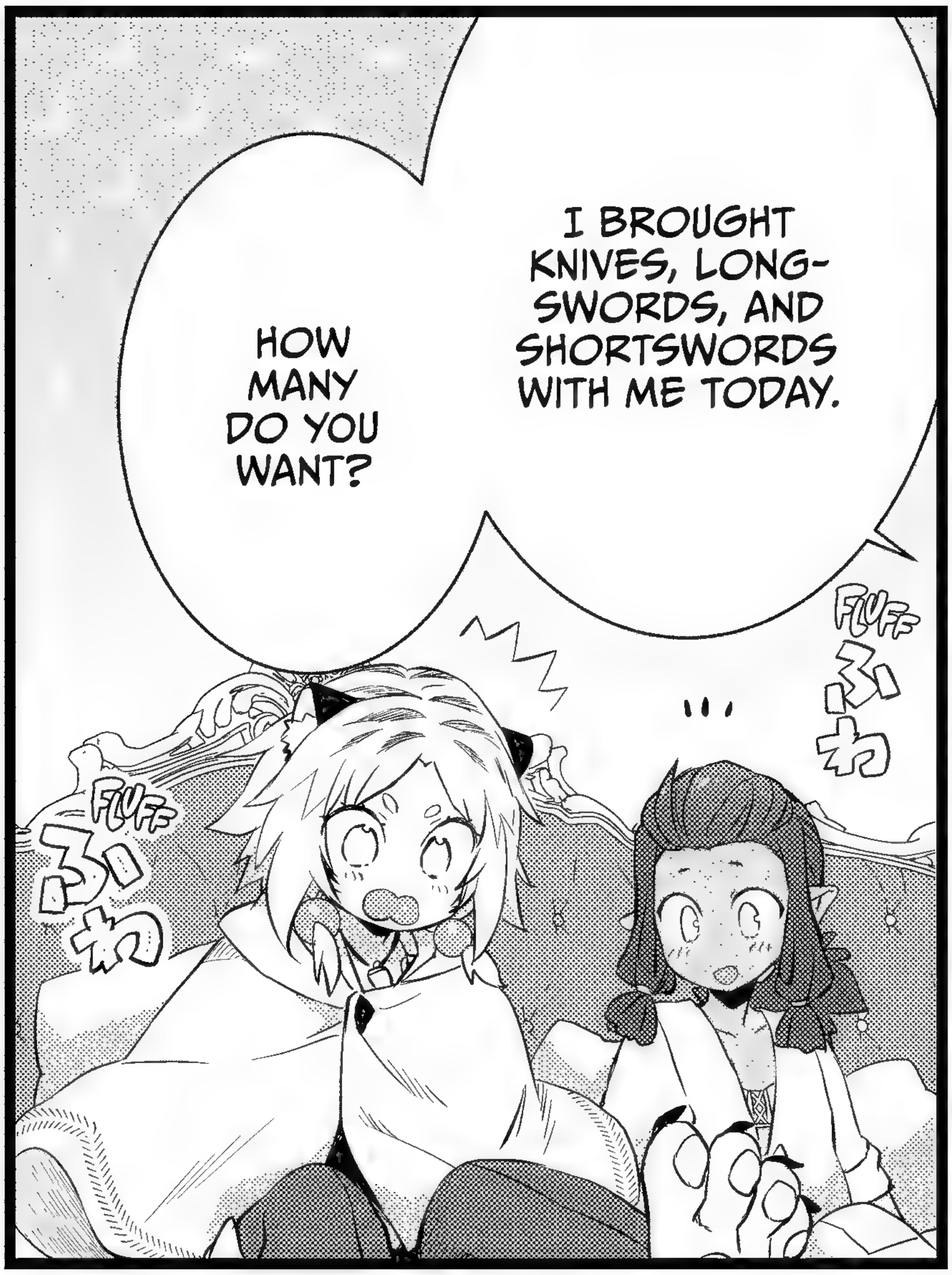
Whoaaa!
SEEING EIZO'S SWORD DISPLAYED LIKE THIS MAKES IT LOOK LIKE A REAL PRODUCT!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.
YOU'RE HERE! WELCOME.
LET'S TALK UPSTAIRS.




I BROUGHT KNIVES, LONGSWORDS, AND SHORTSWORDS WITH ME TODAY.
HOW MANY DO YOU WANT?
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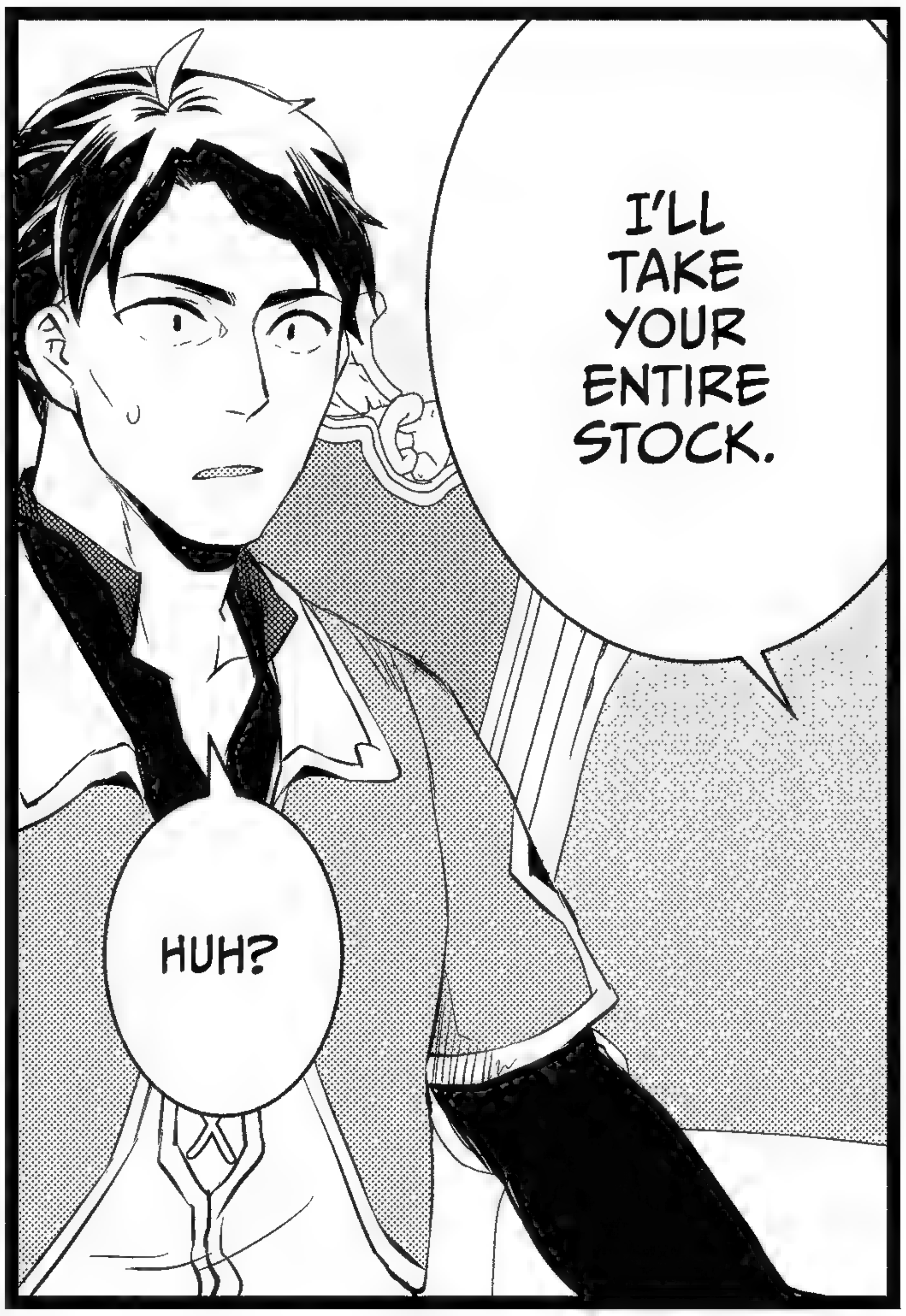
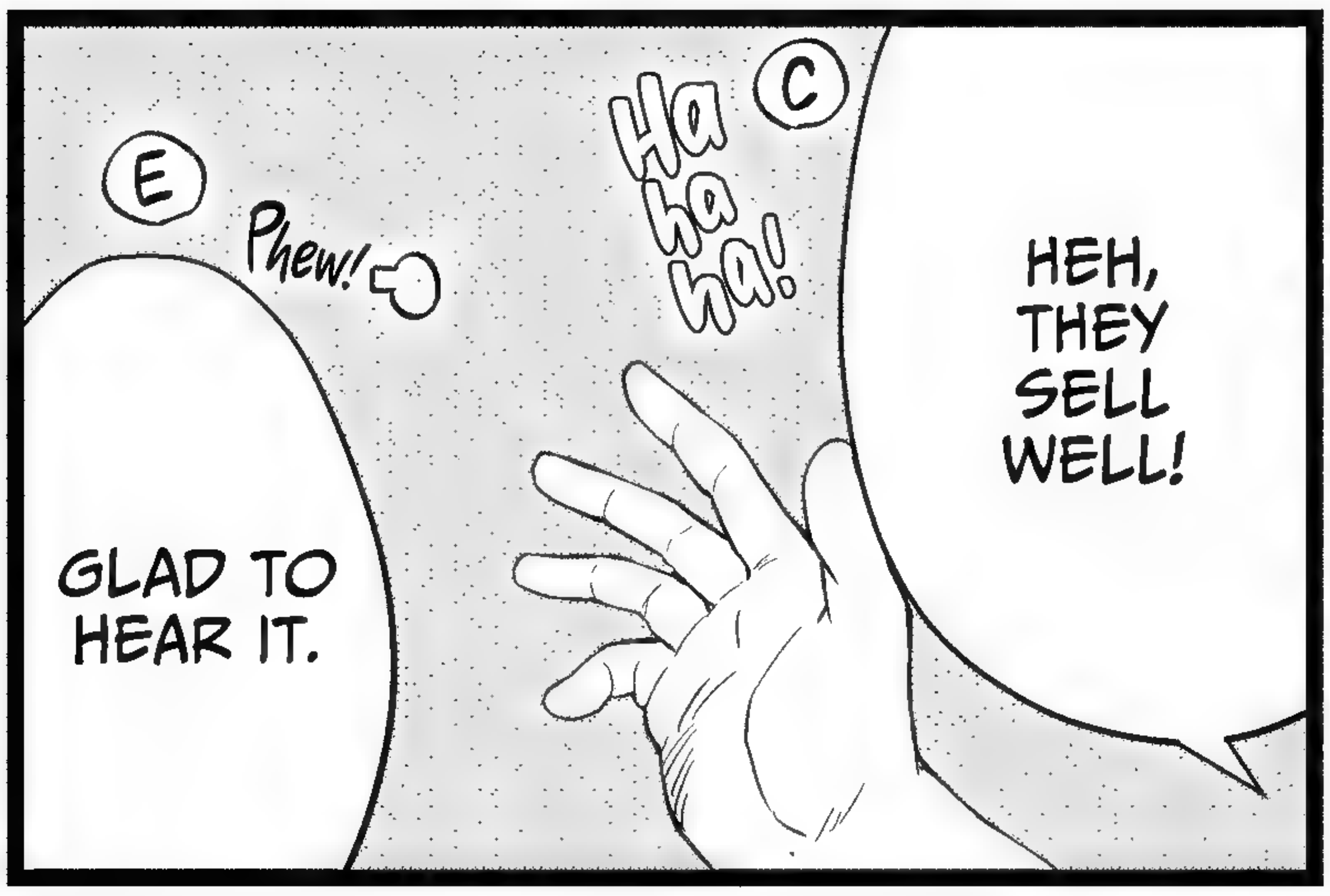
FLUFF ふわ


I'LL TAKE YOUR ENTIRE STOCK.
HUH?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Ha ha ha!
HEH, THEY SELL WELL!
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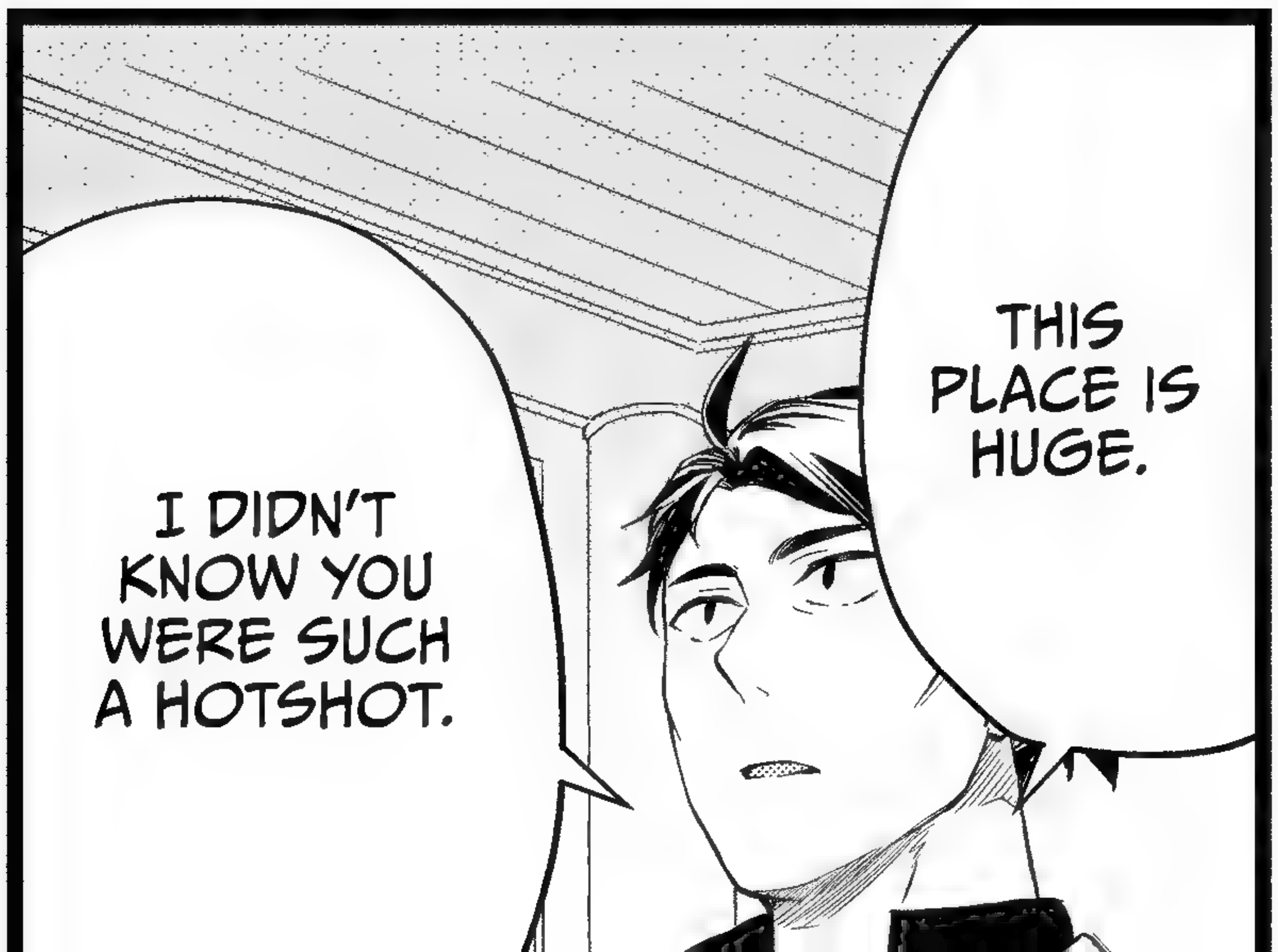
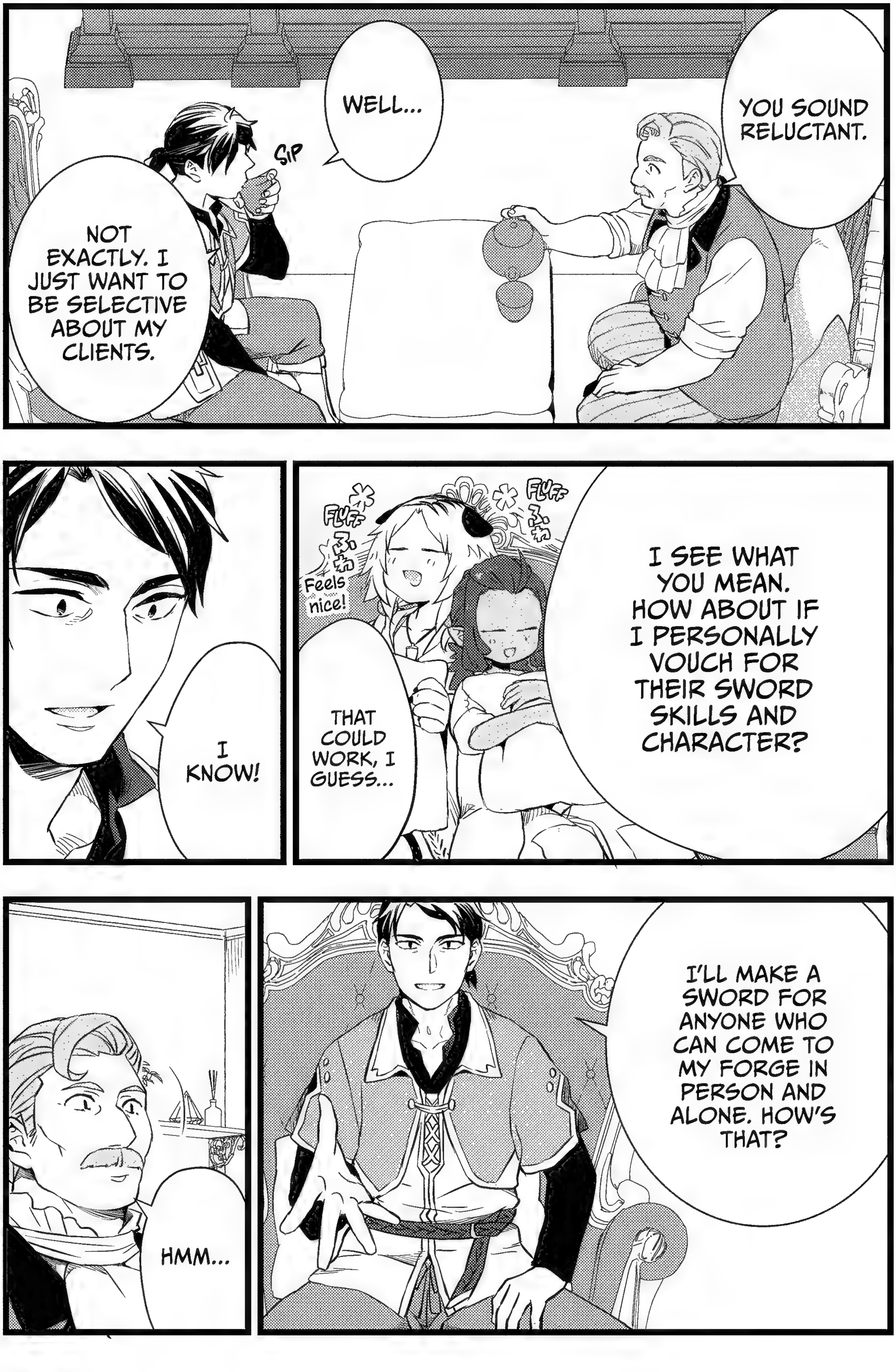
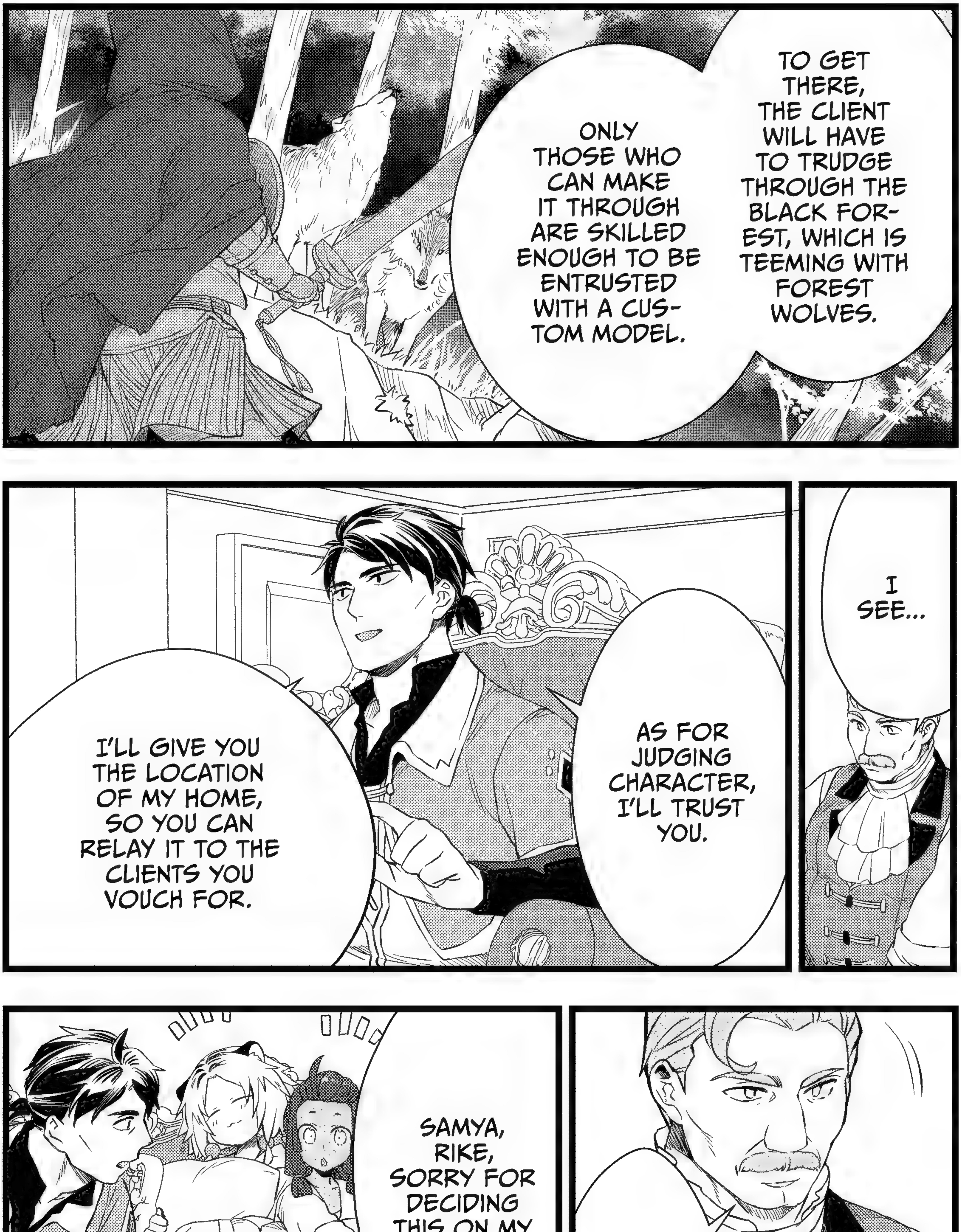
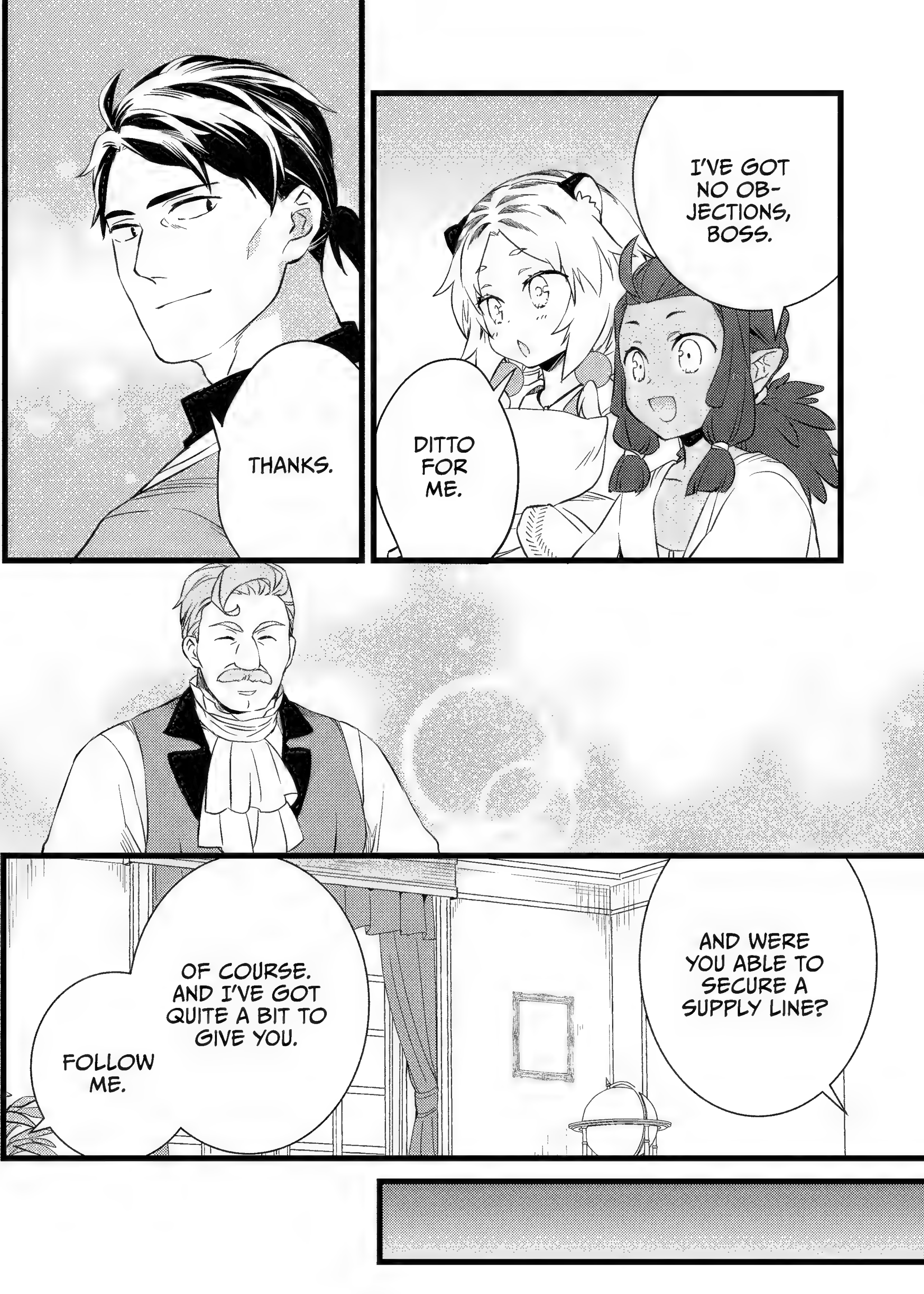
Phew!
GLAD TO HEAR IT.

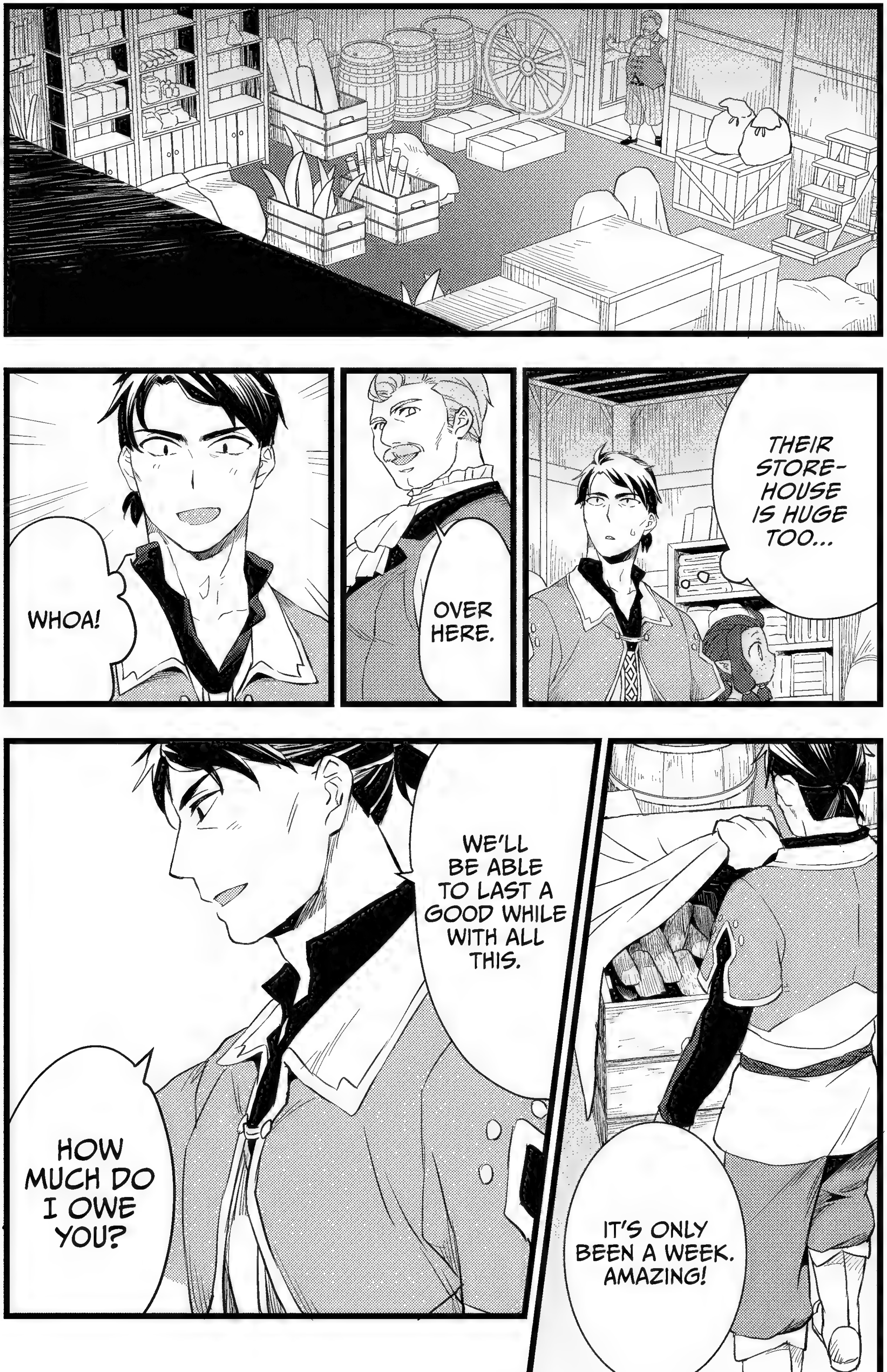

THIS PLACE IS HUGE.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SUCH A HOTSHOT.

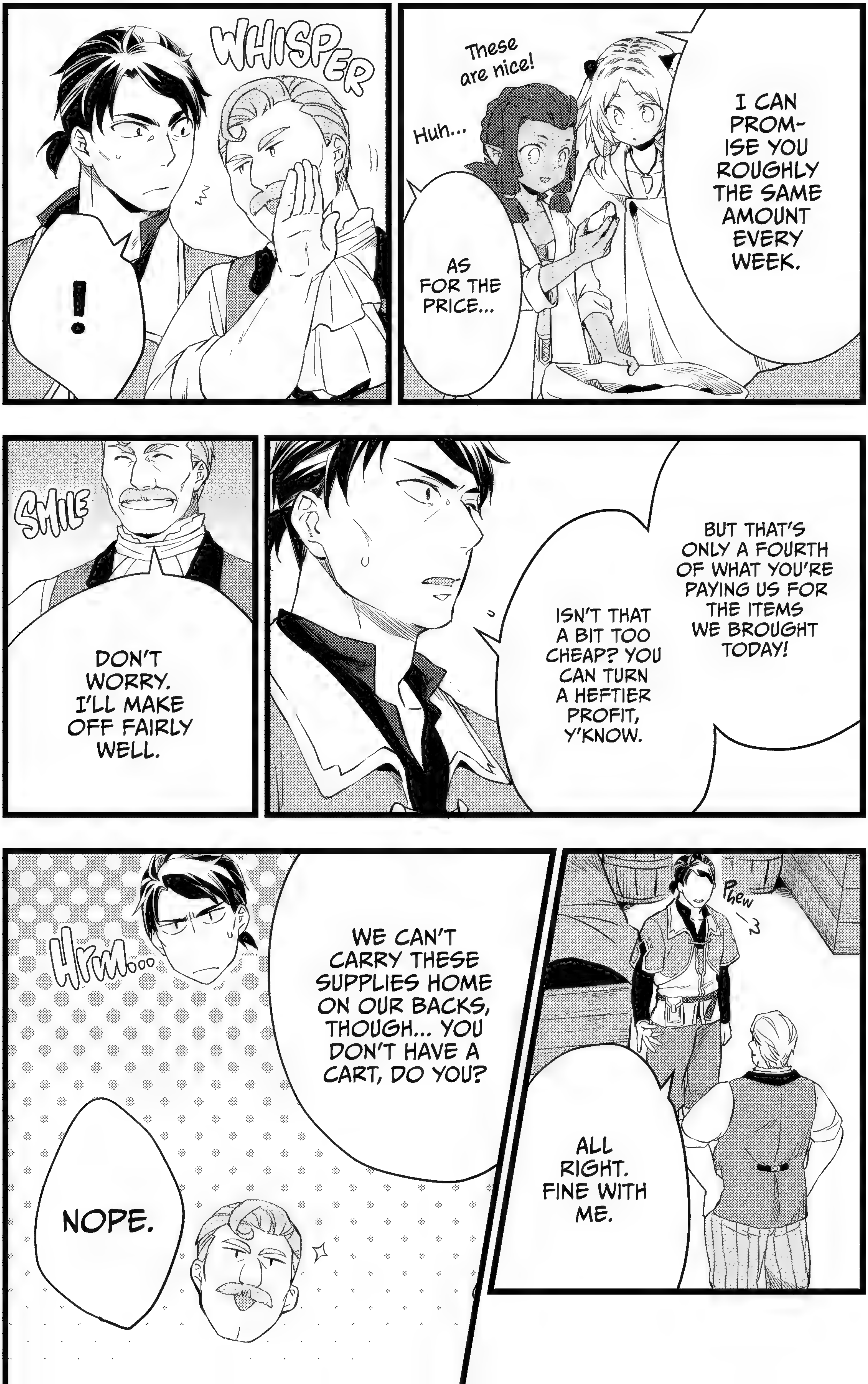
WELL, IT IS WHAT IT IS. WE CATER TO EVERYONE, FROM TOWNSMEN AND TRAVELERS TO FELLOW MERCHANTS. WE SELL A WIDE VARIETY OF GOODS.
THAT'S WHY THIS PLACE IS SO BIG.
LIKE A DEPARTMENT STORE.
SQUISH
SQUISH
ANYWAY, I RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM A CLIENT. THEY WANT YOU TO FORGE THEM A CUSTOM SWORD.
CUSTOM, HUH?
I WANT TO SELECT MY CUSTOMERS CAREFULLY, BUT IF I DON'T ACCEPT ANY COMMISSIONS, I WON'T GET ANYWHERE.

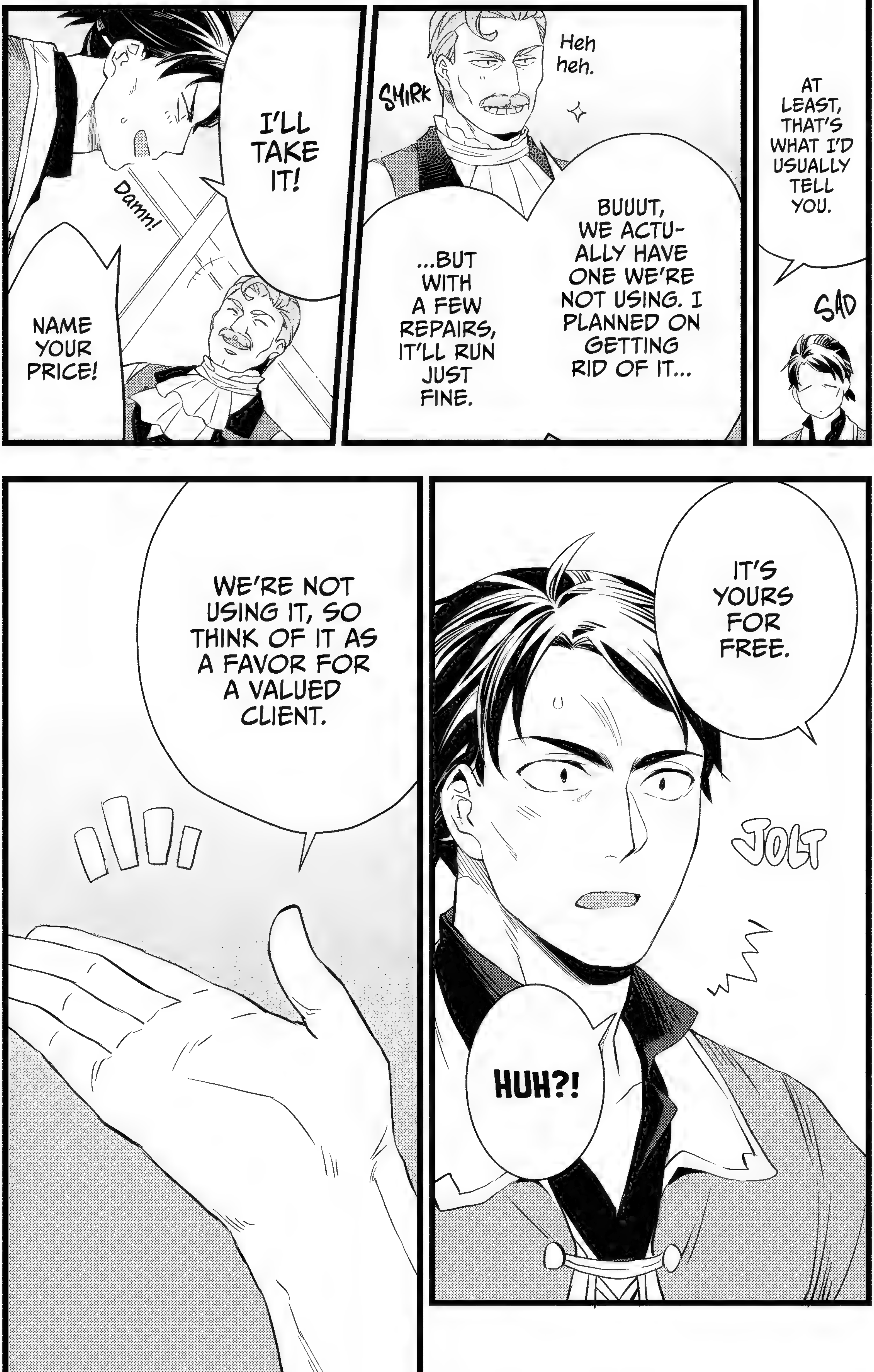

YOU SOUND RELUCTANT.
WELL...
SIP
NOT EXACTLY. I JUST WANT TO BE SELECTIVE ABOUT MY CLIENTS.
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. HOW ABOUT IF I PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR THEIR SWORD SKILLS AND CHARACTER?
FLUFF ふわ
FLUFF ふわ
Feels nice!
THAT COULD WORK, I GUESS...
I KNOW!
I'LL MAKE A SWORD FOR ANYONE WHO CAN COME TO MY FORGE IN PERSON AND ALONE. HOW'S THAT?
HMM...


TO GET THERE, THE CLIENT WILL HAVE TO TRUDGE THROUGH THE BLACK FOREST, WHICH IS TEEMING WITH FOREST WOLVES.
ONLY THOSE WHO CAN MAKE IT THROUGH ARE SKILLED ENOUGH TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH A CUSTOM MODEL.
I SEE...
AS FOR JUDGING CHARACTER, I'LL TRUST YOU.
I'LL GIVE YOU THE LOCATION OF MY HOME, SO YOU CAN RELAY IT TO THE CLIENTS YOU VOUCH FOR.
ALL RIGHT.
SAMYA, RIKE, SORRY FOR DECIDING THIS ON MY OWN.


I'VE GOT NO OBJECTIONS, BOSS.
DITTO FOR ME.
THANKS.
AND WERE YOU ABLE TO SECURE A SUPPLY LINE?
OF COURSE. AND I'VE GOT QUITE A BIT TO GIVE YOU.
FOLLOW ME.


THEIR STOREHOUSE IS HUGE TOO...
OVER HERE.
WHOA!
IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK. AMAZING!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO LAST A GOOD WHILE WITH ALL THIS.
HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU?


I CAN PROMISE YOU ROUGHLY THE SAME AMOUNT EVERY WEEK.
These are nice!
Huh...
AS FOR THE PRICE...
WHISPER
!
BUT THAT'S ONLY A FOURTH OF WHAT YOU'RE PAYING US FOR THE ITEMS WE BROUGHT TODAY!
ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO CHEAP? YOU CAN TURN A HEFTIER PROFIT, Y'KNOW.
SMILE
DON'T WORRY. I'LL MAKE OFF FAIRLY WELL.
Phew
ALL RIGHT. FINE WITH ME.
Hrm...
WE CAN'T CARRY THESE SUPPLIES HOME ON OUR BACKS, THOUGH... YOU DON'T HAVE A CART, DO YOU?
NOPE.


AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I'D USUALLY TELL YOU.
SAD
Heh heh.
SMIRK
BUUUT, WE ACTUALLY HAVE ONE WE'RE NOT USING. I PLANNED ON GETTING RID OF IT...
...BUT WITH A FEW REPAIRS, IT'LL RUN JUST FINE.
I'LL TAKE IT!
Damn!
NAME YOUR PRICE!
IT'S YOURS FOR FREE.
JOLT
HUH?!
WE'RE NOT USING IT, SO THINK OF IT AS A FAVOR FOR A VALUED CLIENT.

YOU SURE? WHY'RE YOU GOING SO FAR FOR US?
DOES HE HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE?
I LIKE TO THINK THAT OUR PARTNERSHIP WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE.
CLIENTS LIKE YOU, WHO SUPPLY ME WITH HIGH-QUALITY ITEMS FOR REASONABLE PRICES, ARE RARE.
IT'S BETTER TO HAVE YOU OWE ME ONE.
WINK

I SEE.
THEN I'LL TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS.
YEAH, IT'S ALL YOURS!
Ha ha ha!
CLATTER
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CLATTER
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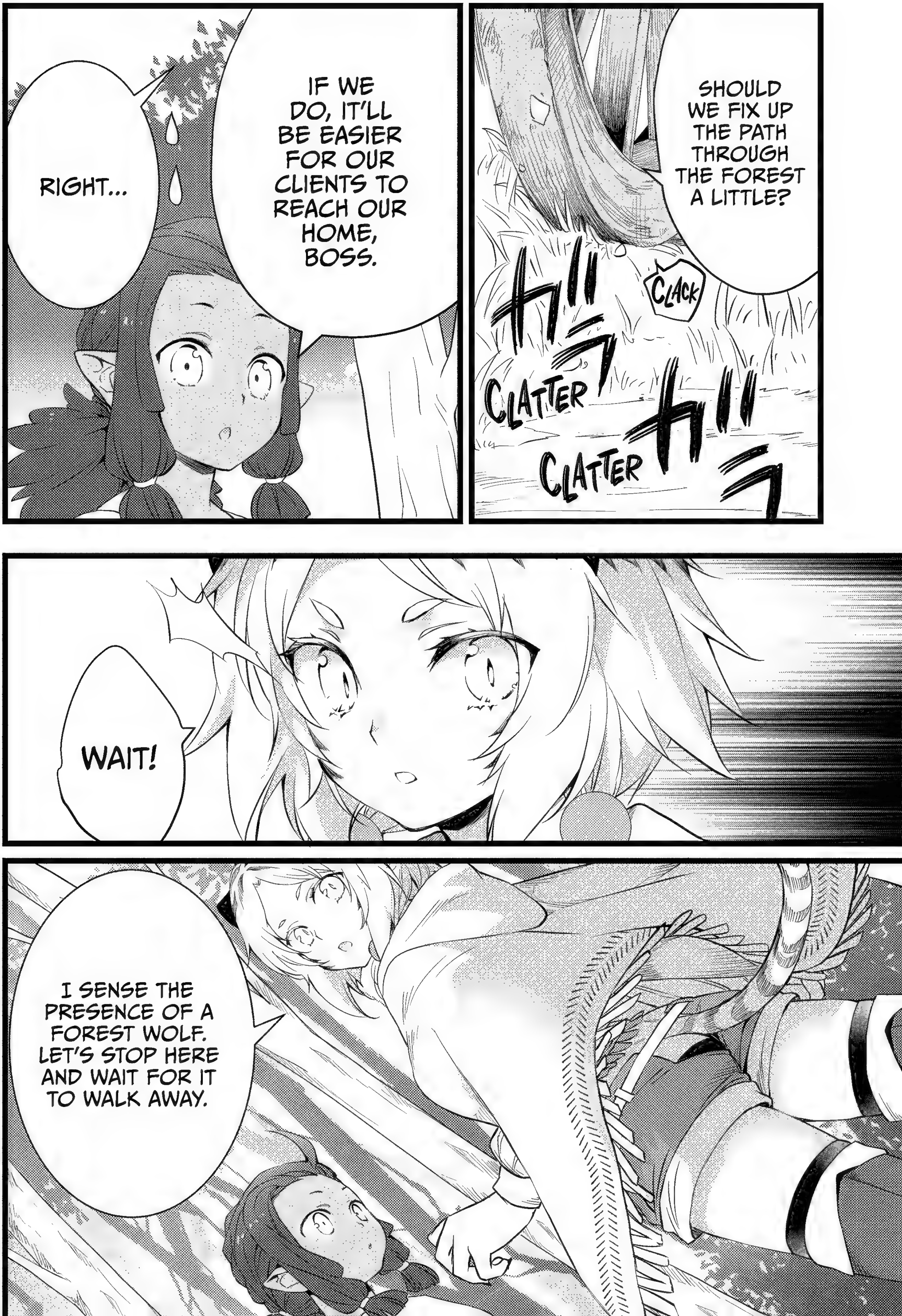
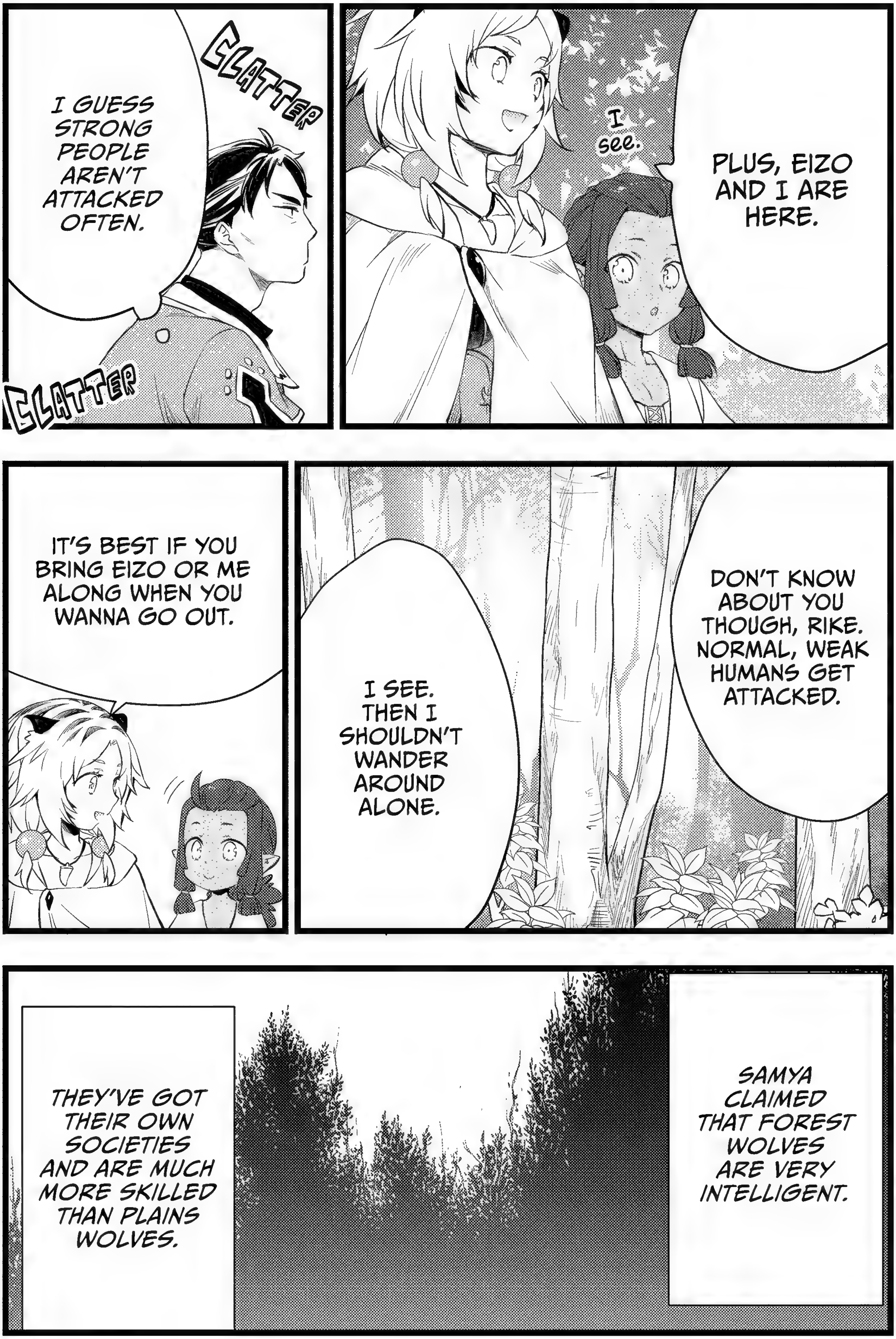
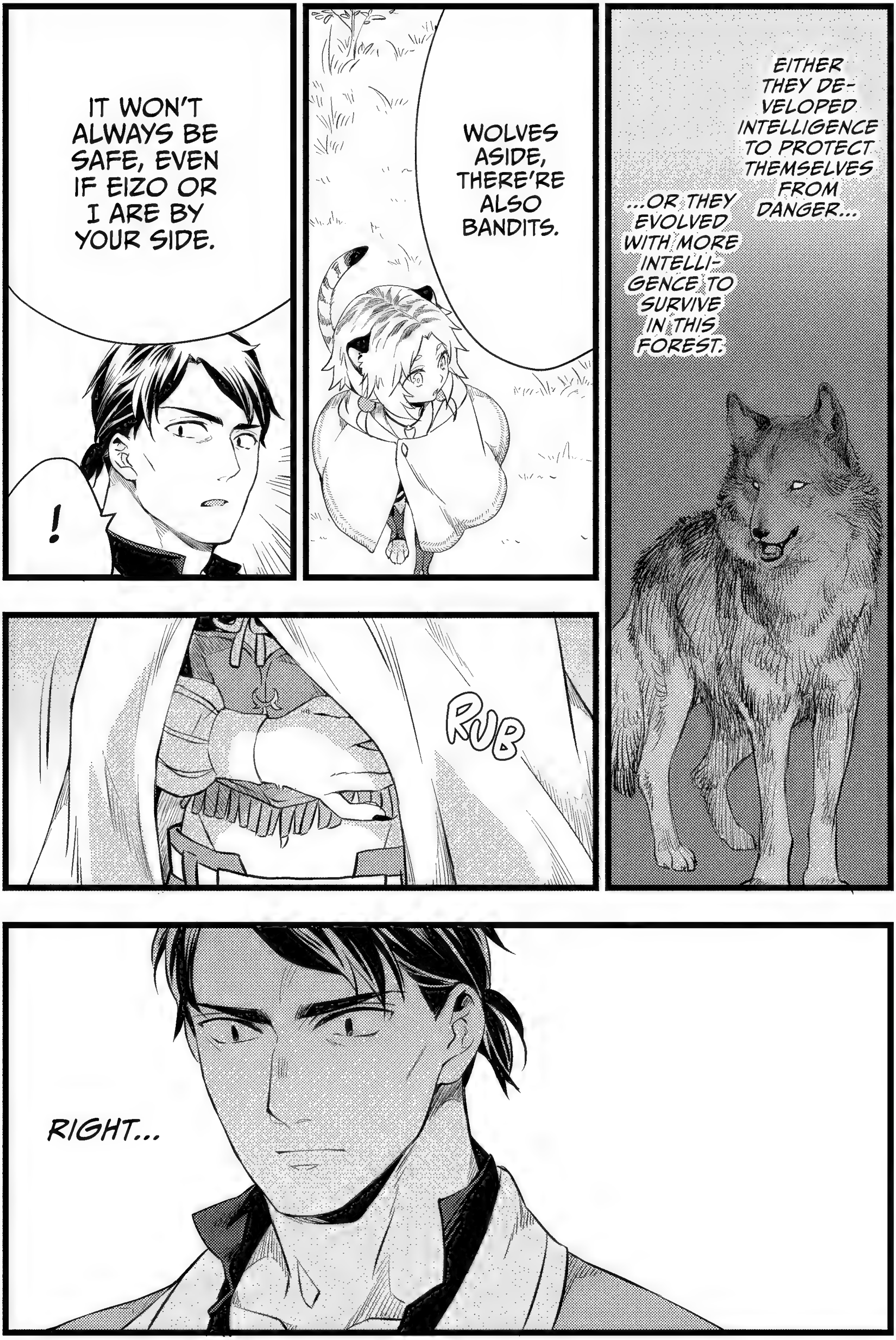
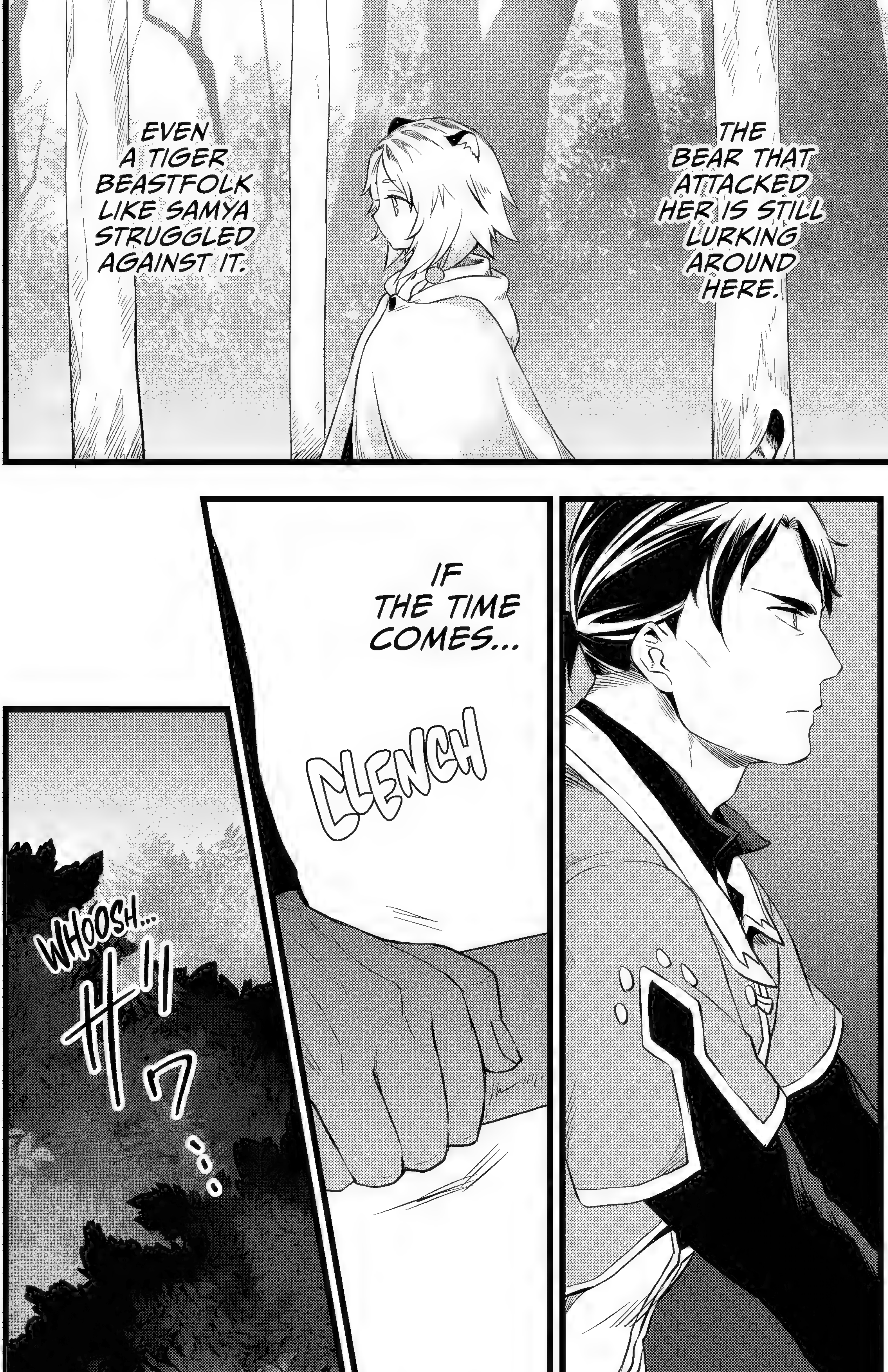
IT GETS A BIT HEAVIER WHEN WE'RE AWAY FROM THE CITY STREETS...
...BUT WE CAN MAKE IT HOME.
AGREED!

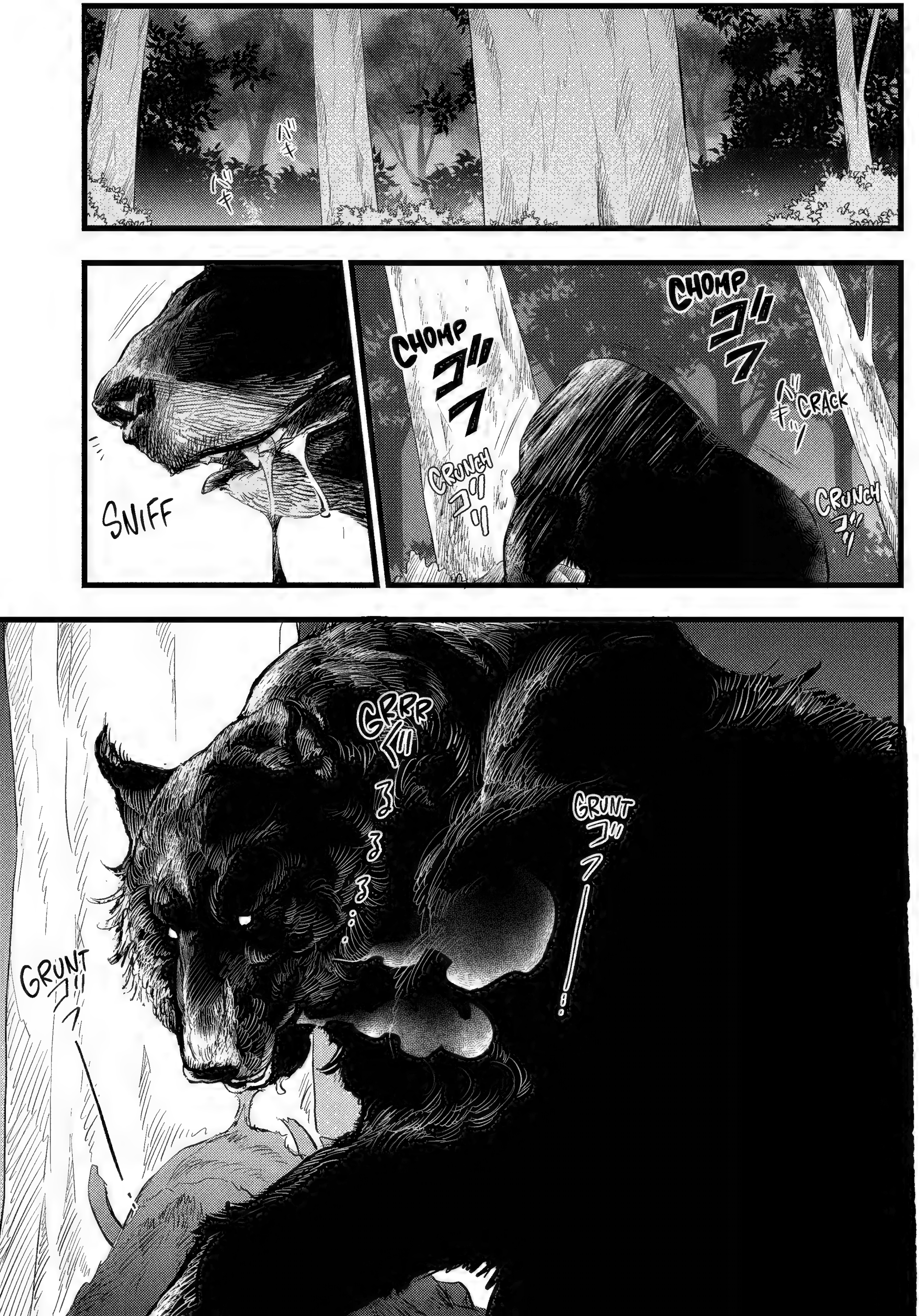

SHOULD WE FIX UP THE PATH THROUGH THE FOREST A LITTLE?
CLACK
ガラ
CLATTER
ガラ
CLATTER
IF WE DO, IT'LL BE EASIER FOR OUR CLIENTS TO REACH OUR HOME, BOSS.
RIGHT...
WAIT!
I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A FOREST WOLF. LET'S STOP HERE AND WAIT FOR IT TO WALK AWAY.

WE HAD THE SAME ISSUE THIS MORNING. WE'RE RUNNING INTO A LOT OF THEM TODAY.
WELL, IT'S WOLF PUP BIRTHING SEASON.
IN ABOUT A MONTH, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SPOT BABY WOLVES!
They're cute!
Huh...
きゅうん YIP
もふ FLUFFY
もふ FLUFFY
きゅうん YAP
THE WOLVES IN THIS FOREST ARE RATHER TAME. DO YOU THINK THEY'LL ATTACK US?
NAH. THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF TREE DEER, GRASS-BLADE RABBITS, AND OTHER PREY.


PLUS, EIZO AND I ARE HERE.
I see.
I GUESS STRONG PEOPLE AREN'T ATTACKED OFTEN.
CLATTER
CLATTER
DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU THOUGH, RIKE. NORMAL, WEAK HUMANS GET ATTACKED.
I SEE. THEN I SHOULDN'T WANDER AROUND ALONE.
IT'S BEST IF YOU BRING EIZO OR ME ALONG WHEN YOU WANNA GO OUT.
SAMYA CLAIMED THAT FOREST WOLVES ARE VERY INTELLIGENT.
THEY'VE GOT THEIR OWN SOCIETIES AND ARE MUCH MORE SKILLED THAN PLAINS WOLVES.


EITHER THEY DEVELOPED INTELLIGENCE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM DANGER...
...OR THEY EVOLVED WITH MORE INTELLIGENCE TO SURVIVE IN THIS FOREST.
WOLVES ASIDE, THERE'RE ALSO BANDITS.
IT WON'T ALWAYS BE SAFE, EVEN IF EIZO OR I ARE BY YOUR SIDE.
!
RUB
RIGHT...


THE BEAR THAT ATTACKED HER IS STILL LURKING AROUND HERE.
EVEN A TIGER BEASTFOLK LIKE SAMYA STRUGGLED AGAINST IT.
IF THE TIME COMES...
CLENCH
WHOOSH...
ザワ…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CHOMP ゴフ
CRACK バキッ
CHOMP ゴフ
CRUNCH ゴリ
CRUNCH ゴリ
SNIFF
GRUNT ゴフー!!
GRRR ぐるるる…
GRUNT ゴフー

The Traveling Merchant,

CAMILO

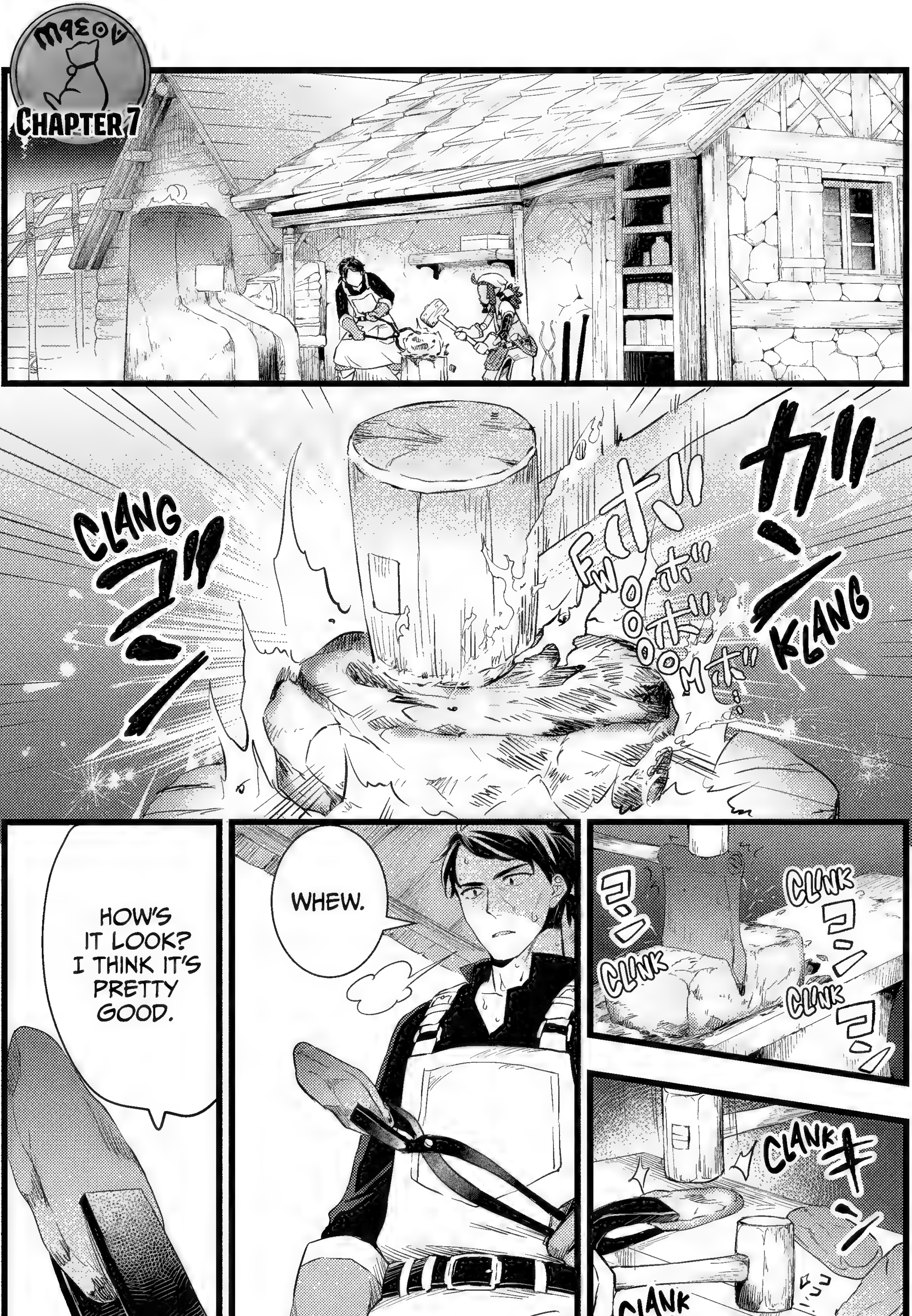
Pearly white teeth!
Sells my blades in his store
Good guy!
He's helped me find success in the city!
Thank you!

I feel like I haven't seen him lately...
First guy who bought a knife
A bit casual, but a good guy

The City Guard,

MARIUS

Chapter 7


MEOW
ガン
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FWOOOOOM
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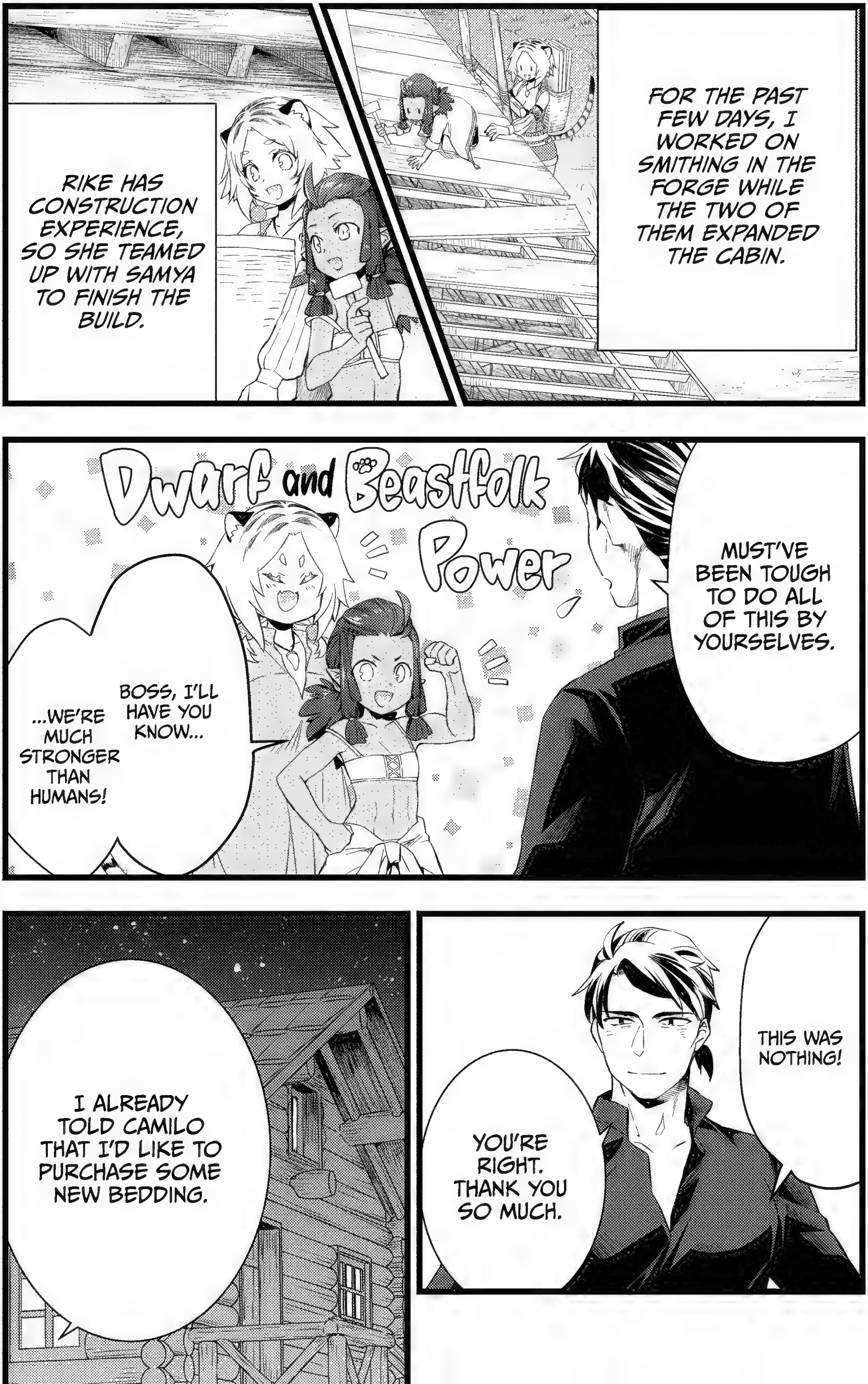
CLANK
キン
CLANK
キン!
WHEW.
HOW'S IT LOOK? I THINK IT'S PRETTY GOOD.

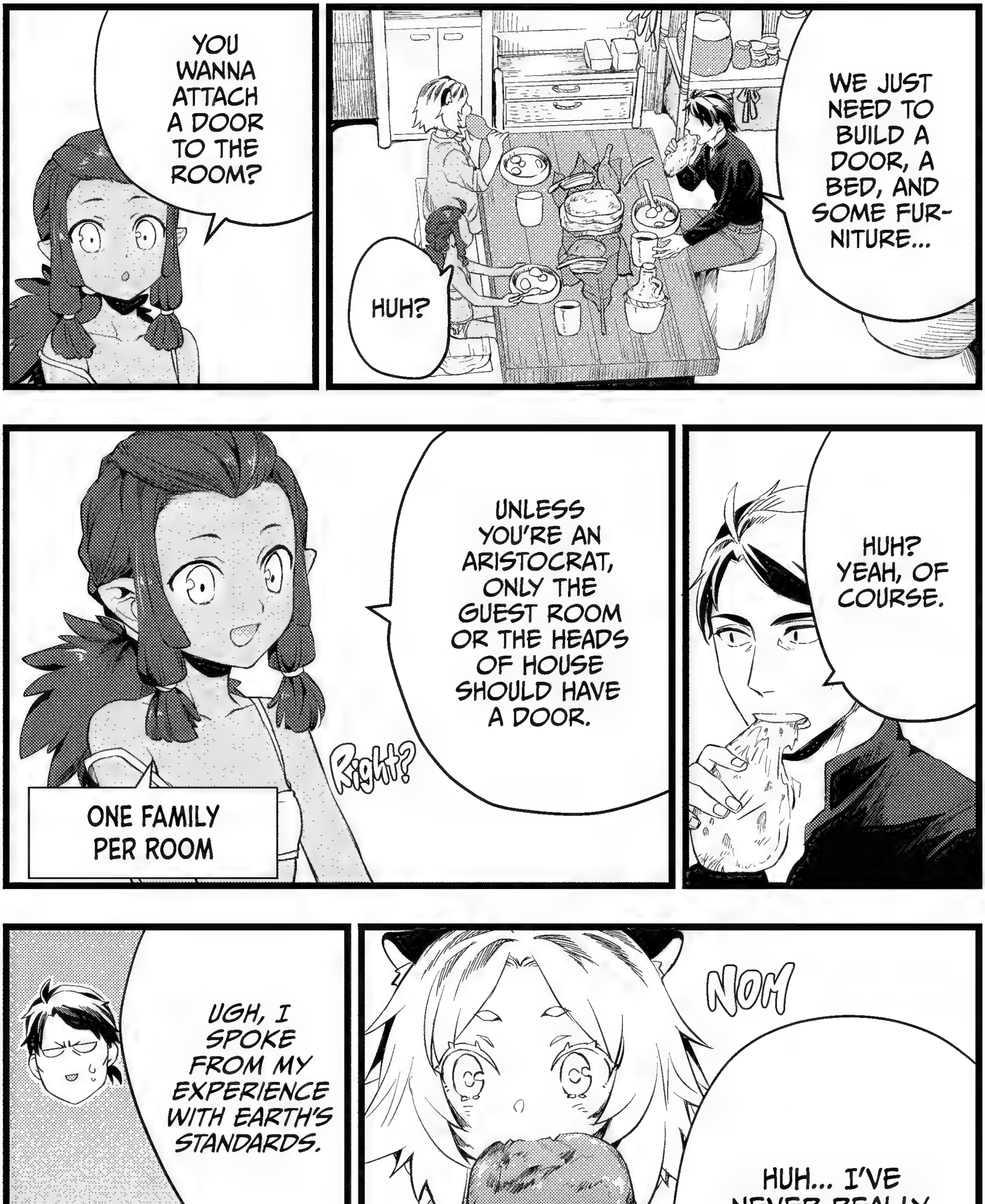
I AGREE! IN FACT, I'D SAY IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAD BEFORE!
CAMILO FOUND US SOME QUALITY MATERIALS.
I TRUST YOU.
LET'S KEEP AT IT.
YES SIR!
WE PLACED THE ORE WE GOT FROM CAMILLO INTO THE FURNACE...
...AND SMELTED IT INTO STEEL.
Just a bit more.
Right!
ゴオオオ FWOOM
オ
THIS FURNACE PRODUCED ALMOST NO LEFTOVER JUNK MINERALS DURING THE SMELTING PROCESS. BLACKSMITHS CALL THIS DEBRIS SLAG.
WITHOUT SLAG, WE DIDN'T NEED TO BREAK THE FURNACE VESSEL, WHICH INCREASED OUR EFFICIENCY.
Here I go!
Yes sir!
RIKE WAS MOVED BY THIS NEW PROCESS.
Magic is awesome!

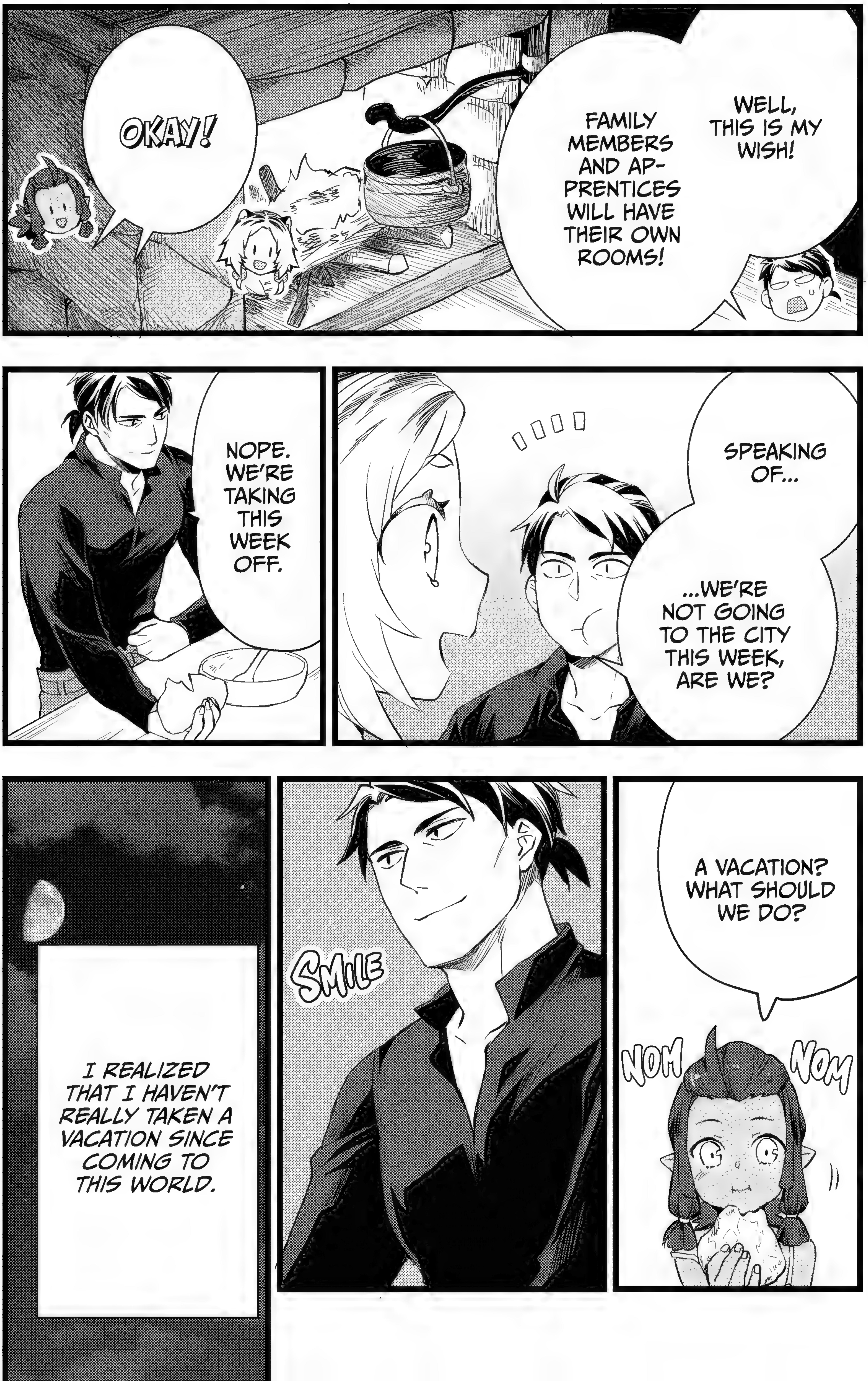
USUALLY, THE PROCESS OF SMITHING HAD A WHOLE HOST OF STEPS, AND RUNNING A FORGE OFTEN REQUIRED SEVERAL PEOPLE...
CLANG! カン!
CLANG! カン!
...BUT MY CHEATS HELPED IMMENSELY.
CLANG カン
I KNOW I HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER THIS WORLD'S OTHER CRAFTSMEN...
...BUT IT LETS ME LIVE THIS LIFE WORKING IN THE FOREST, SO I'M TRULY GRATEFUL.
CLANG カン
CLANG
FWOOOM

A FEW DAYS LATER...
SQUIK
ALL RIGHT. AND OUR WARES FOR CAMILO ARE COMPLETE.
CLATTER
I CAN PROBABLY FOCUS ON THE HOUSE NEXT WEEK...
EIZO.
WHAT'S UP, SAMYA?
YOU DONE FOR THE DAY?
IF SO, CAN YOU COME WITH ME A SEC?

WOW!
YOU EVEN BUILT A ROOF. AMAZING!
Boss!
HEH HEH!
YOU WORKED HARD, RIKE.
NAH! SAMYA DESERVES ALL THE CREDIT!
SORRY I COULDN'T HELP OUT MUCH THIS WEEK.

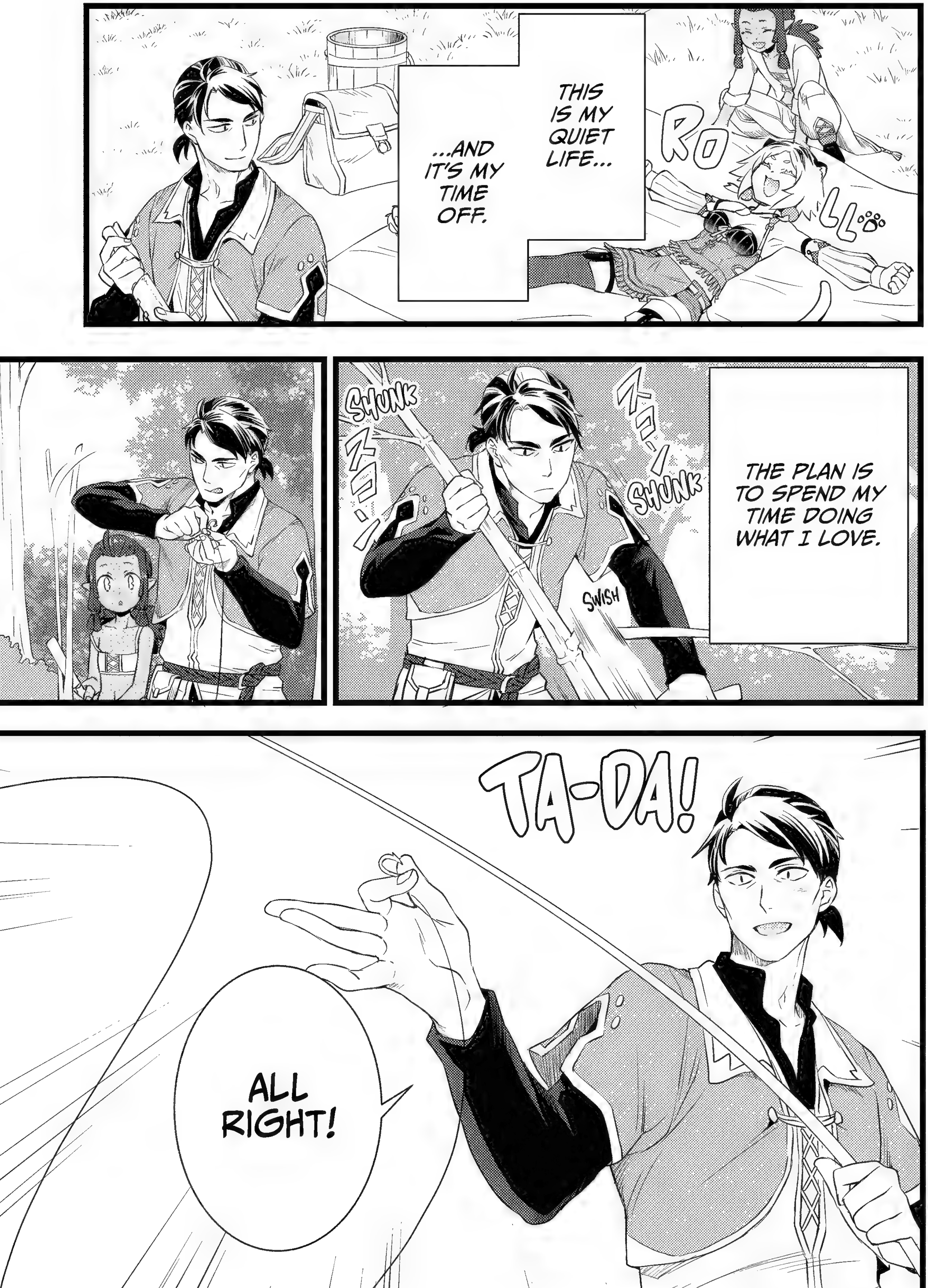

FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS, I WORKED ON SMITHING IN THE FORGE WHILE THE TWO OF THEM EXPANDED THE CABIN.
RIKE HAS CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE, SO SHE TEAMED UP WITH SAMYA TO FINISH THE BUILD.
MUST'VE BEEN TOUGH TO DO ALL OF THIS BY YOURSELVES.
Dwarf and Beastfolk Power
BOSS, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW...
...WE'RE MUCH STRONGER THAN HUMANS!
THIS WAS NOTHING!
YOU'RE RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I ALREADY TOLD CAMILO THAT I'D LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME NEW BEDDING.

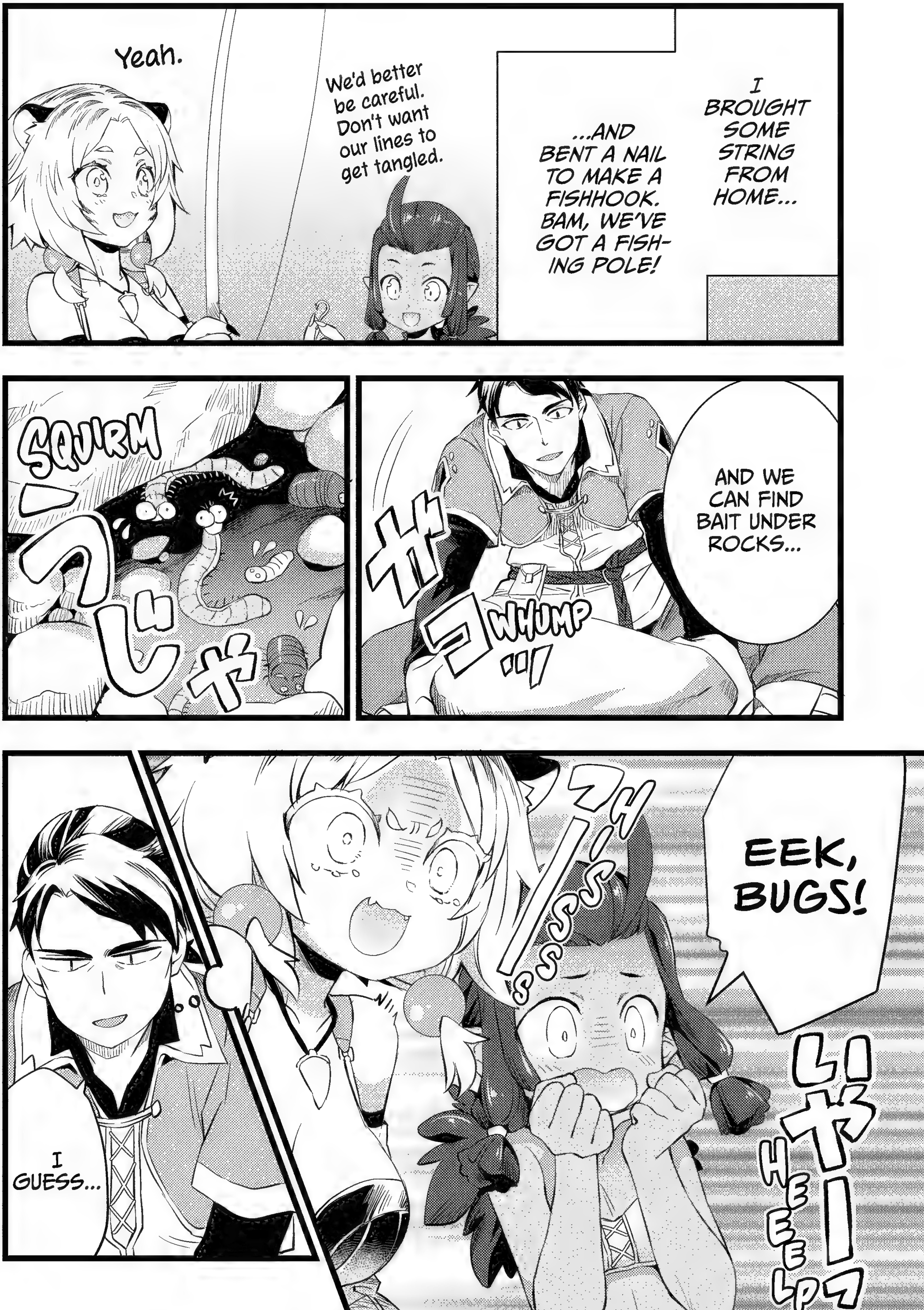

WE JUST NEED TO BUILD A DOOR, A BED, AND SOME FURNITURE...
HUH?
YOU WANNA ATTACH A DOOR TO THE ROOM?
HUH? YEAH, OF COURSE.
UNLESS YOU'RE AN ARISTOCRAT, ONLY THE GUEST ROOM OR THE HEADS OF HOUSE SHOULD HAVE A DOOR.
Right?
ONE FAMILY PER ROOM
NOM
HUH... I'VE NEVER REALLY LIVED IN A HOUSE, SO I WOULDN'T KNOW.
HOMELESS
UGH, I SPOKE FROM MY EXPERIENCE WITH EARTH'S STANDARDS.
I see.
I always slept in different spots.

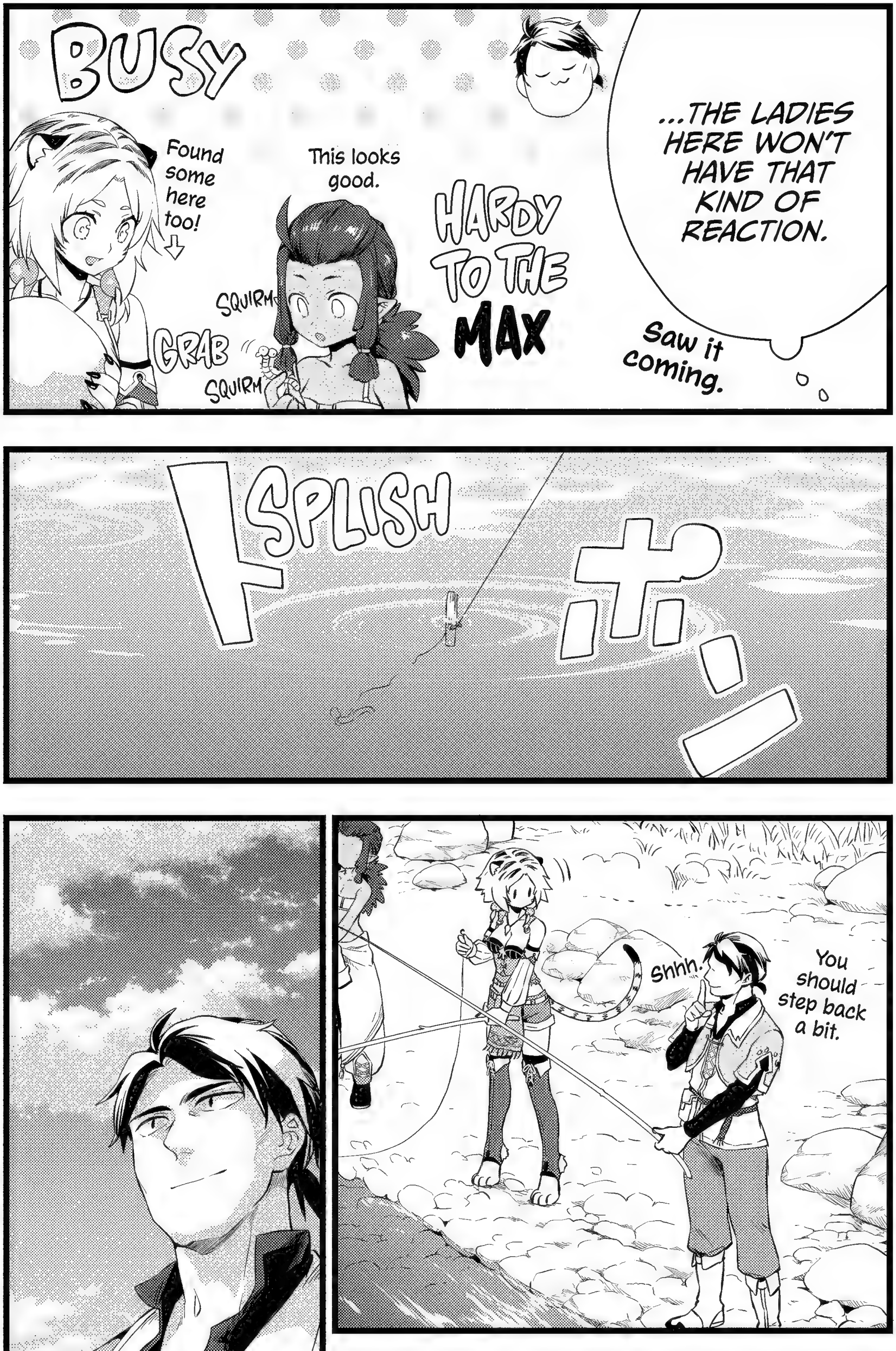

WELL, THIS IS MY WISH!
FAMILY MEMBERS AND APPRENTICES WILL HAVE THEIR OWN ROOMS!
OKAY!
SPEAKING OF...
...WE'RE NOT GOING TO THE CITY THIS WEEK, ARE WE?
NOPE. WE'RE TAKING THIS WEEK OFF.
A VACATION? WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
NOM NOM
SMILE
I REALIZED THAT I HAVEN'T REALLY TAKEN A VACATION SINCE COMING TO THIS WORLD.

I PRIORITIZED STABILIZING MY NEW LIFE.
AND WHILE I HAVEN'T BEEN OVERWORKING, I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY BUSY.
LUCKILY, MY WARES ARE DOING WELL AT CAMILO'S.
I DON'T HAVE HEFTY SAVINGS, BUT I EARN ENOUGH TO LIVE COMFORTABLY.
AND SO, I DECIDED TO TAKE A WEEK OFF.
EIZO, HOW ABOUT OVER THERE?

LOOKS GOOD.
This'll be our rest stop!
Roger!
THIS SPOT'S ABOUT AN HOUR'S WALK UPSTREAM FROM OUR HOUSE.
FWISH


THIS IS MY QUIET LIFE...
...AND IT'S MY TIME OFF.
ROLL
THE PLAN IS TO SPEND MY TIME DOING WHAT I LOVE.
SHUNK
SHUNK
SWISH
TA-DA!
ALL RIGHT!


I BROUGHT SOME STRING FROM HOME...
...AND BENT A NAIL TO MAKE A FISHHOOK. BAM, WE'VE GOT A FISHING POLE!
We'd better be careful. Don't want our lines to get tangled.
Yeah.
AND WE CAN FIND BAIT UNDER ROCKS...
ガバッ WHUMP
うじゃ SQUIRM
EEK, BUGS!
HISSSSS
いやーっ HEEELP
I GUESS...


...THE LADIES HERE WON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF REACTION.
Saw it coming.
HARDY TO THE MAX
This looks good.
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
Found some here too!
GRAB
BUSY
ポン
SPLISH
ト
You should step back a bit.
Shhh.

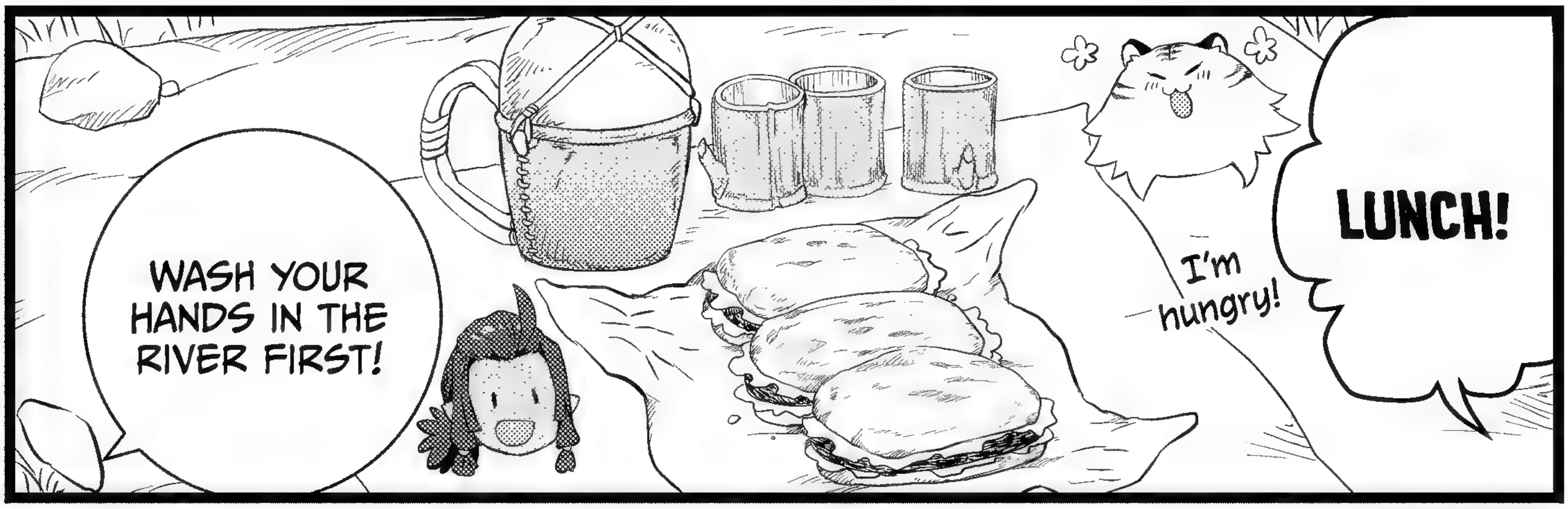
AH, IT'S A GREAT DAY.
AS A CORPORATE DRONE, I BARELY HAD ANY TIME OFF.
COMPARED TO THOSE DAYS, I'M NOW EATING AND SLEEPING WELL.
BUT I STILL TEND TO BE A BIT OF A WORKAHOLIC. I CAN'T HELP IT.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I'VE FELT THIS RELAXED?
TWITCH
AH!
SAMYA, WAIT A LITTLE! LET THE FISH TAKE A BIG BITE!
HRM...
HUP!
POOF
TUG
PULL!

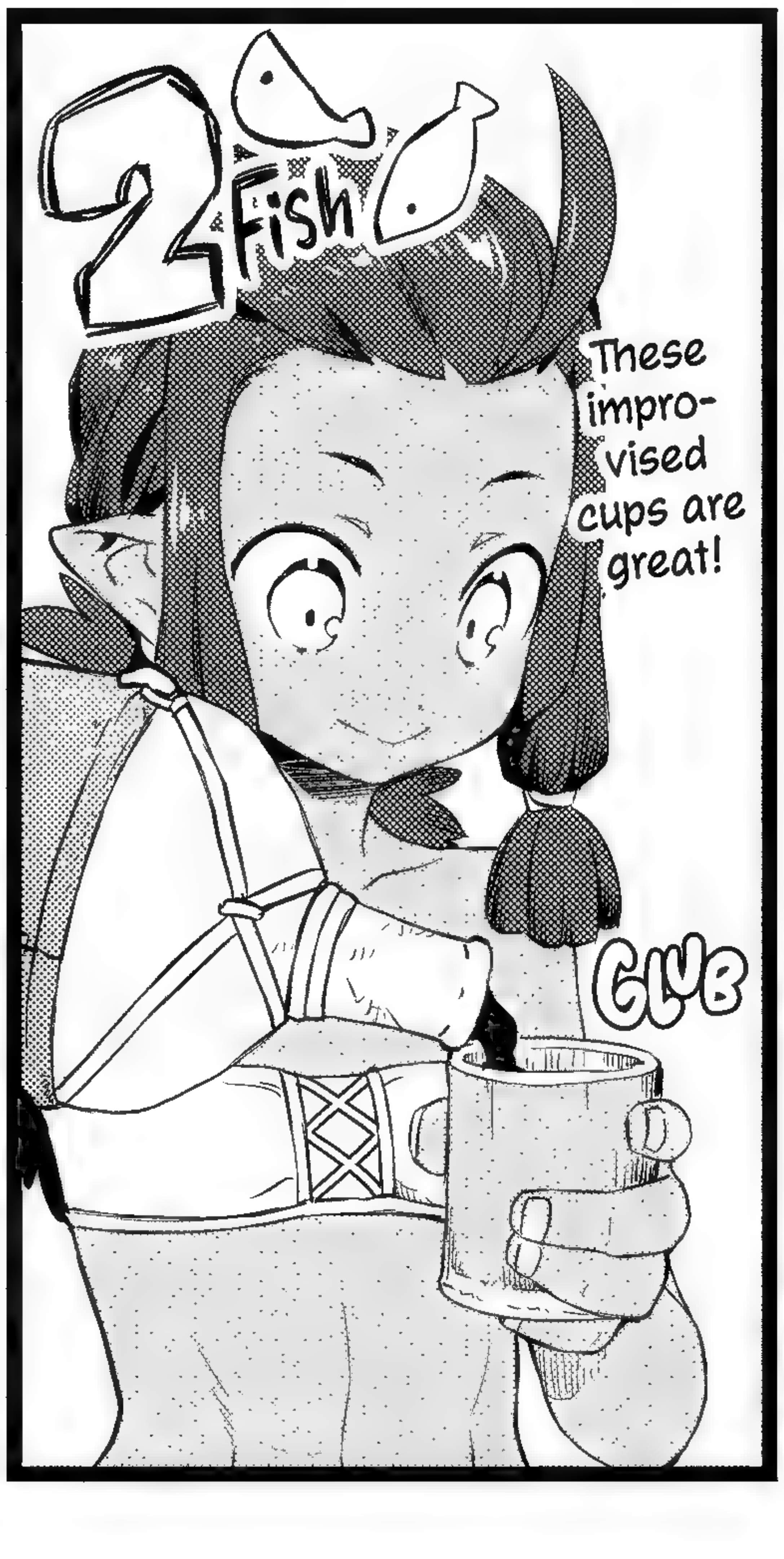
SPLASH
YOU DID IT, SAMYA!
HEH HEH!
SPLISH SPLISH
WAIT, PUT THE FISH ON THE GROUND.
I'LL TAKE THE HOOK OUT.
NOW THAT THEY WORK TOGETHER MORE, RIKE'S BECOMING MORE CASUAL WITH SAMYA.
Whoa! WOW!
So slimy!
SPLISH
Ah ha ha ha ha!
SPLISH

Happy Old Man
THIS IS NICE.

That should do it.
Net
CLACK
ガコッ
Weight


LUNCH!
I'm hungry!
WASH YOUR HANDS IN THE RIVER FIRST!

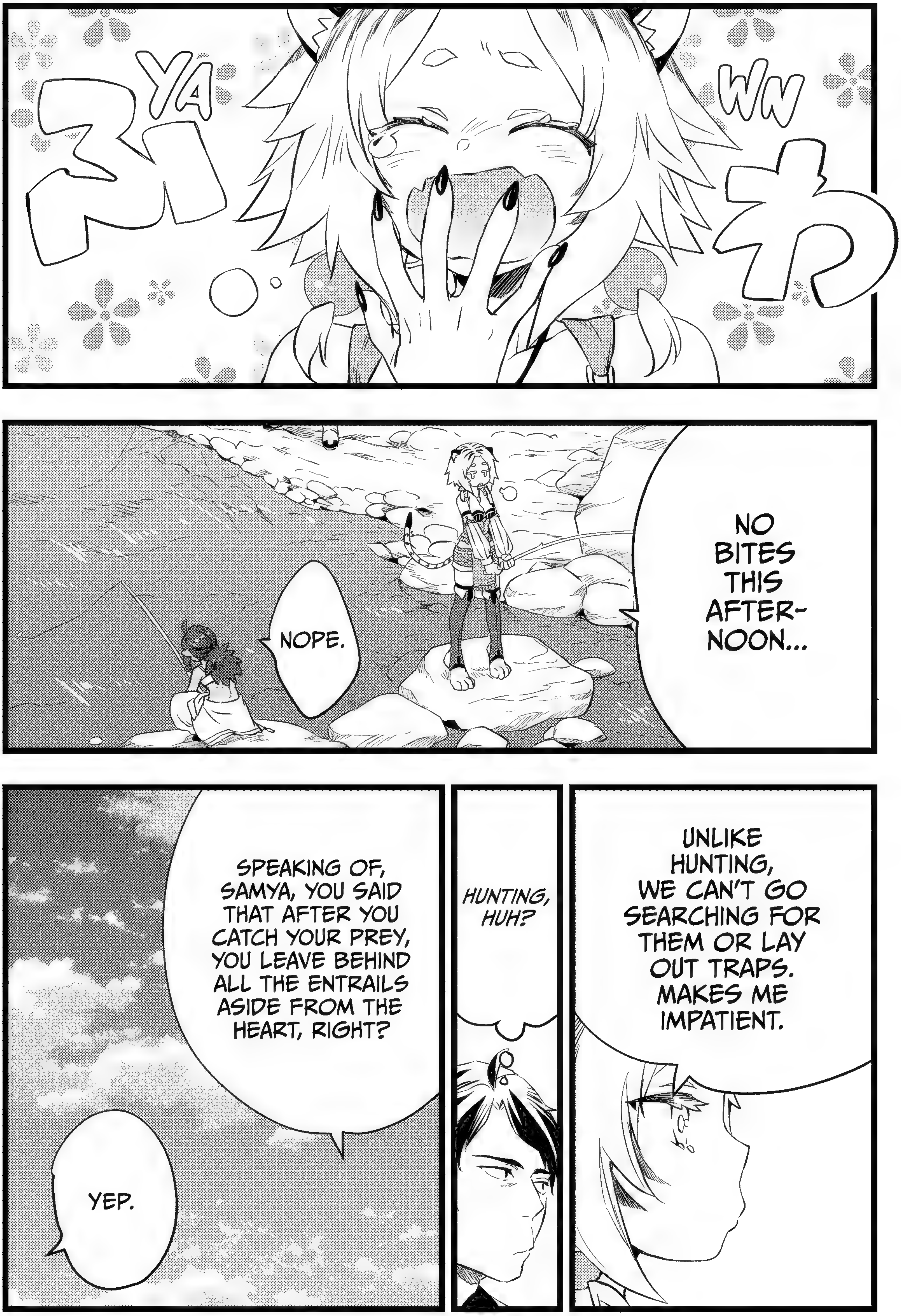
RESULTS
1 Fish
Yum!

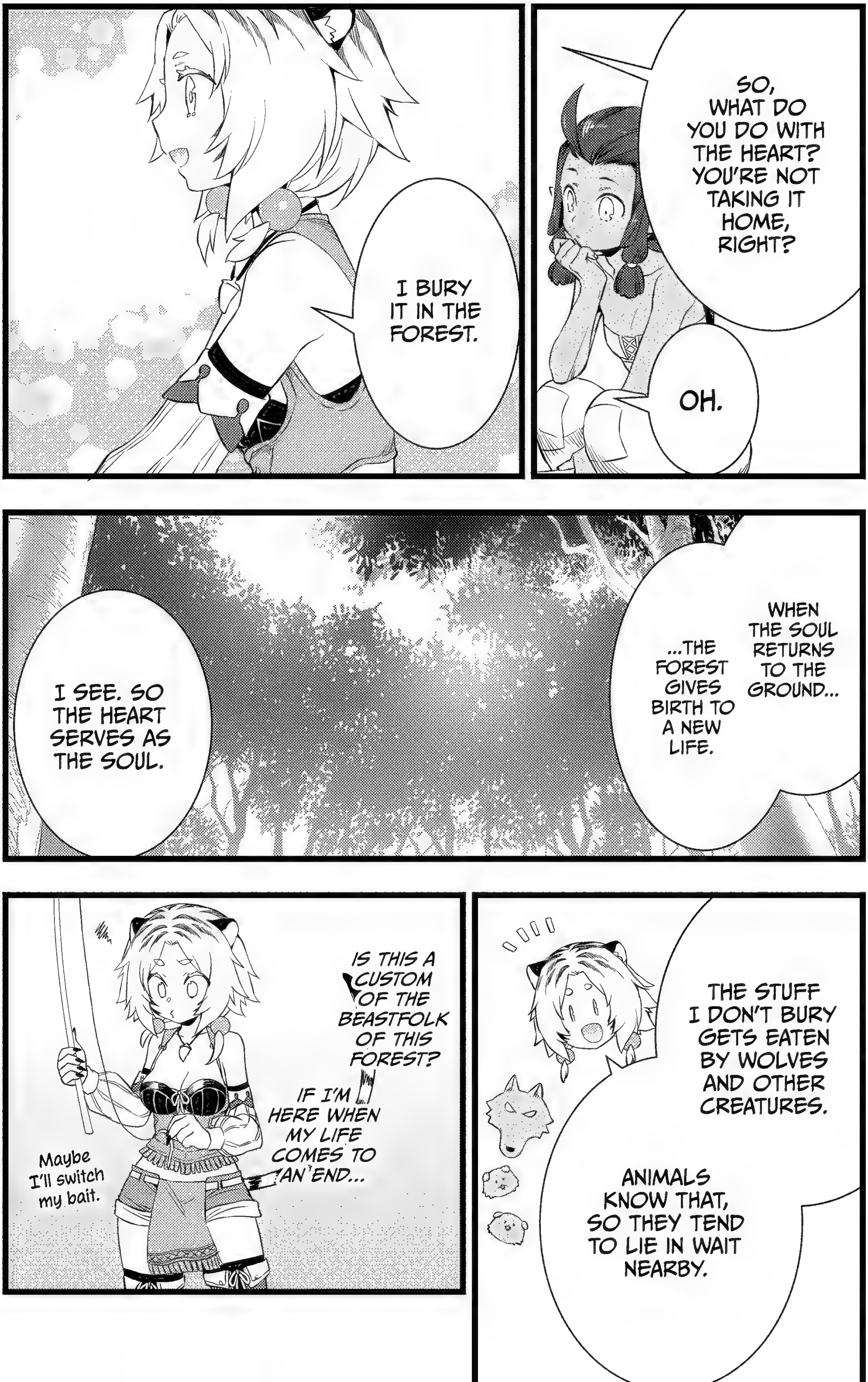

2 Fish
These improvised cups are great!
GLUB

ZILCH
0 Fish

MUTTER
ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS, I CAUGHT SOME DRIFTWOOD AND LEAVES...
MUTTER
MAYBE YOUR MURDEROUS INTENT IS TOO OBVIOUS.
MURDEROUS?!
YOU LOOK SCARY!
LIKE ANIMALS, FISH BECOME WARY WHEN THEY SENSE SOMEONE STRONG.
UGH... I SEE.
HEY, IT'S FINE! I STILL HAVE THE WHOLE AFTERNOON TO TRY AND CATCH ONE. NO NEED TO PANIC—NGH.
Ha ha...
CLACK
Yay!
GLOOM
ズーン...

ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
THIS IS A VACATION. WE'RE JUST HAVING FUN.
NO NEED TO FOCUS ON RESULTS.
That's what I'll tell myself if I really end up with nothing.


ふぁ YA
わ WN
NO BITES THIS AFTERNOON...
NOPE.
UNLIKE HUNTING, WE CAN'T GO SEARCHING FOR THEM OR LAY OUT TRAPS. MAKES ME IMPATIENT.
HUNTING, HUH?
SPEAKING OF, SAMYA, YOU SAID THAT AFTER YOU CATCH YOUR PREY, YOU LEAVE BEHIND ALL THE ENTRAILS ASIDE FROM THE HEART, RIGHT?
YEP.

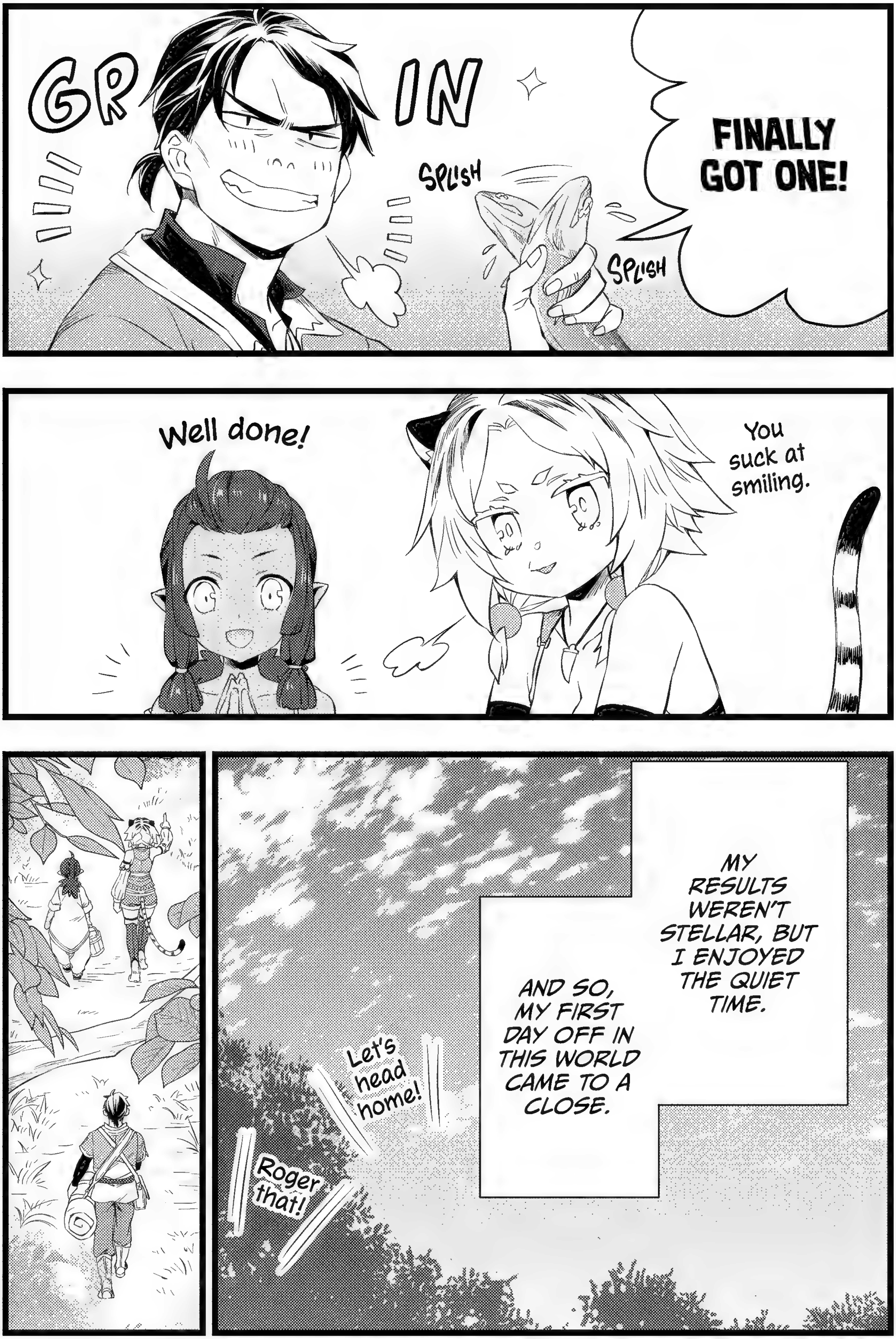

SO, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE HEART? YOU'RE NOT TAKING IT HOME, RIGHT?
OH.
I BURY IT IN THE FOREST.
WHEN THE SOUL RETURNS TO THE GROUND...
...THE FOREST GIVES BIRTH TO A NEW LIFE.
I SEE. SO THE HEART SERVES AS THE SOUL.
THE STUFF I DON'T BURY GETS EATEN BY WOLVES AND OTHER CREATURES.
ANIMALS KNOW THAT, SO THEY TEND TO LIE IN WAIT NEARBY.
IS THIS A CUSTOM OF THE BEASTFOLK OF THIS FOREST?
IF I'M HERE WHEN MY LIFE COMES TO AN END...
Maybe I'll switch my bait.

...WILL I ALSO BECOME A PART OF THIS FOREST, EVEN THOUGH I'M AN OUTSIDER?
CHIIRP
CHIRP
TWEET
CHIRP
...
I SWITCHED FISHING SPOTS AFTER THAT, BUT I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE NIBBLE.
THE SUN'S STARTING TO SET, SO SHOULD I GIVE UP SOON?
WAIT...

SINCE THE TWO LADIES CAUGHT THREE FISH THIS MORNING...
...WE HAVE ONE FISH PER PERSON FOR DINNER.
1
2
BUT!
カッ
ROAR
I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH NOTHING! I KNOW WE'RE JUST HAVING FUN, BUT...
...AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY AND THE BOSS OF THE FORGE, THIS PUTS MY DIGNITY ON THE LINE!
GRIT
WHOOM
MURDEROUS INTENT
I WANT ONE FISH. JUST ONE!
YOU WANNA CATCH A FISH THAT BADLY, HUH?
It's written all over your face!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

AH HA HA HA HA!
HUH?
W-WAS I THAT OBVIOUS?
GLOOM
MURDEROUS INTENT
OH?
EIZO, YOU'VE GOT ONE!
!!!
ZSH
TUG

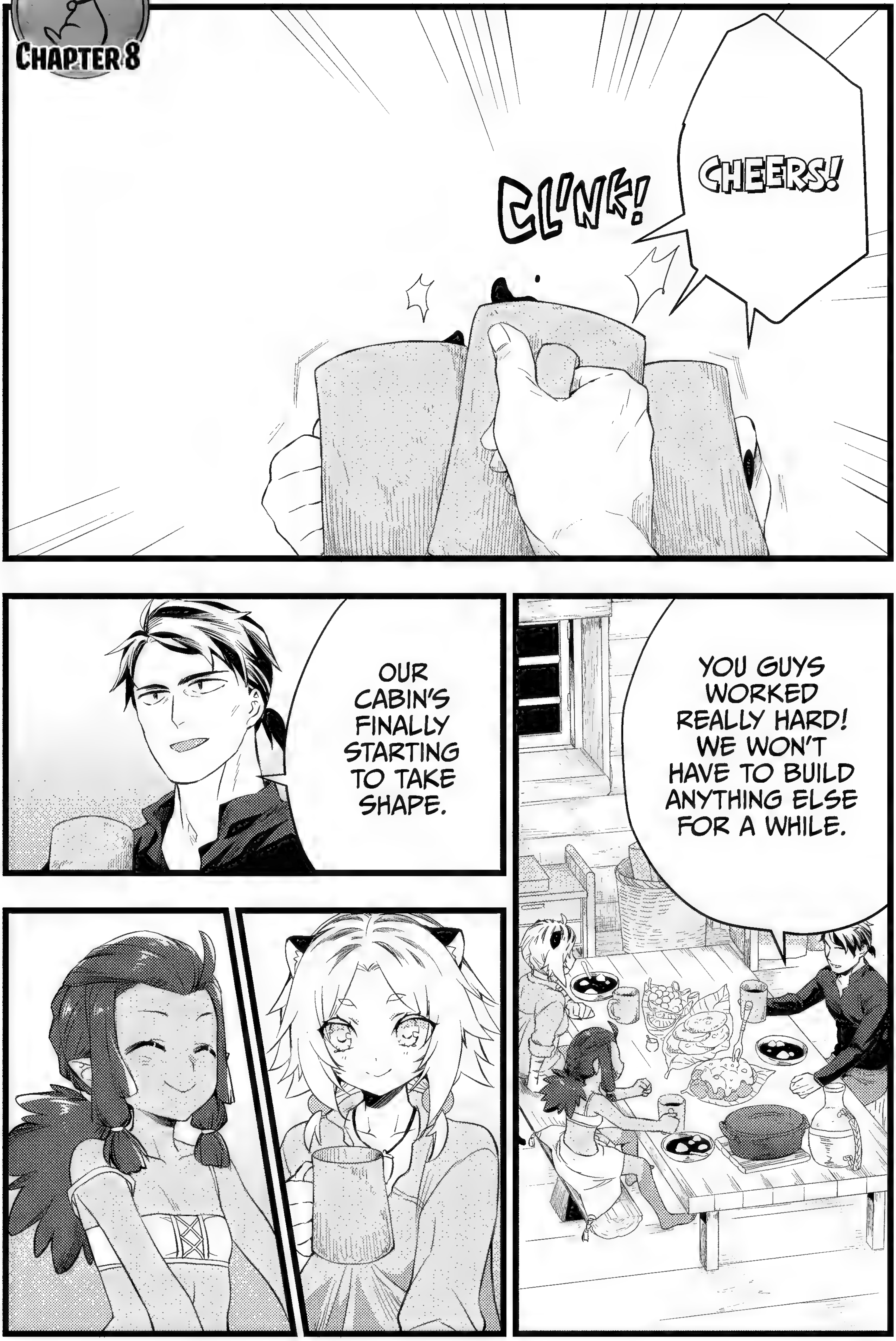
CALM DOWN. DON'T PANIC OR IT'LL GET AWAY!
ZSH
I WON'T LET MYSELF BE THE BUTT OF JOKES!
ギギギ GRIT
TUG
OKAY!
SPLASH
SPLISH びち
SPLISH びち
YES!

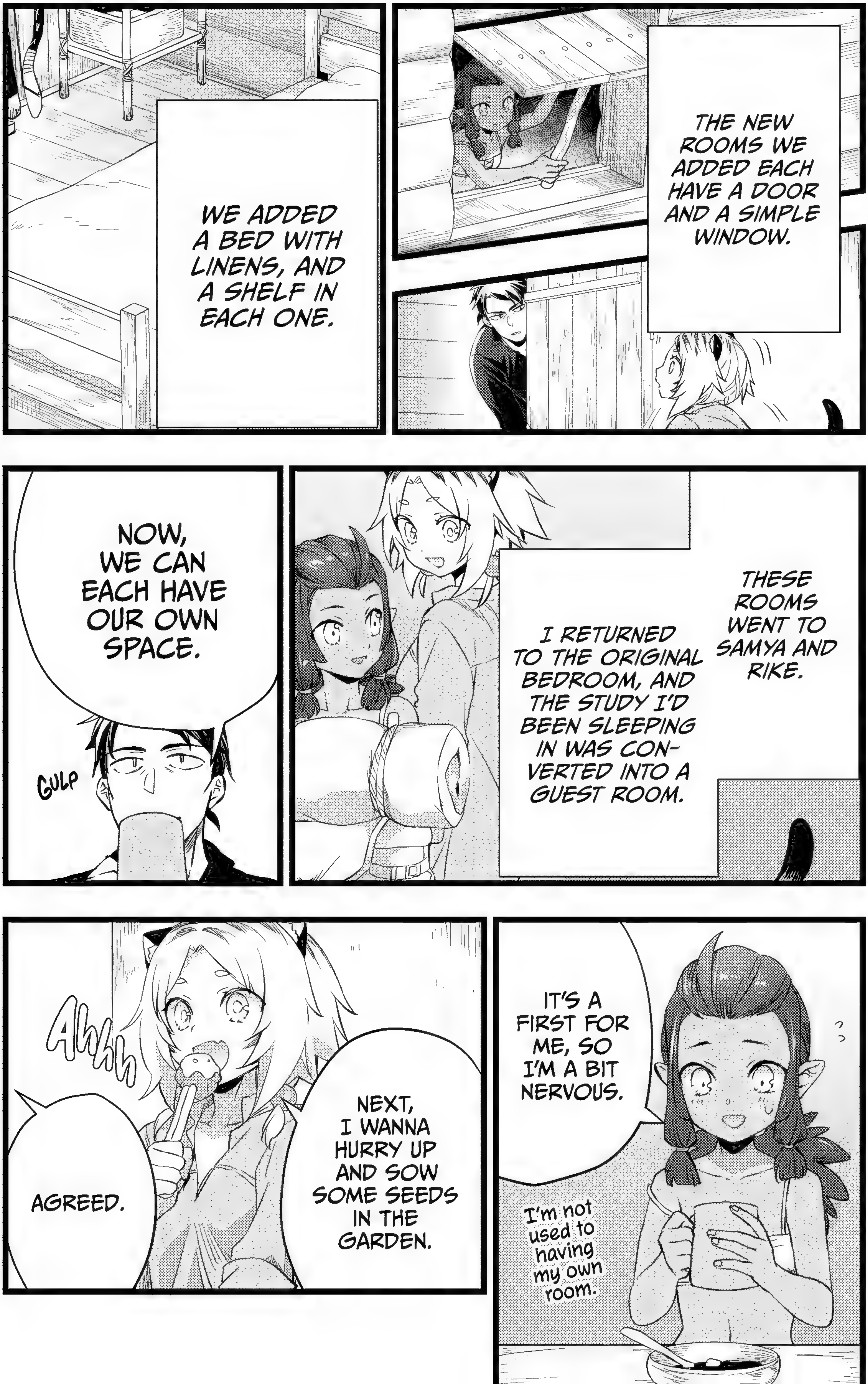

FINALLY GOT ONE!
SPLISH
SPLISH
GR IN
You suck at smiling.
Well done!
MY RESULTS WEREN'T STELLAR, BUT I ENJOYED THE QUIET TIME.
AND SO, MY FIRST DAY OFF IN THIS WORLD CAME TO A CLOSE.
Let's head home!
Roger that!

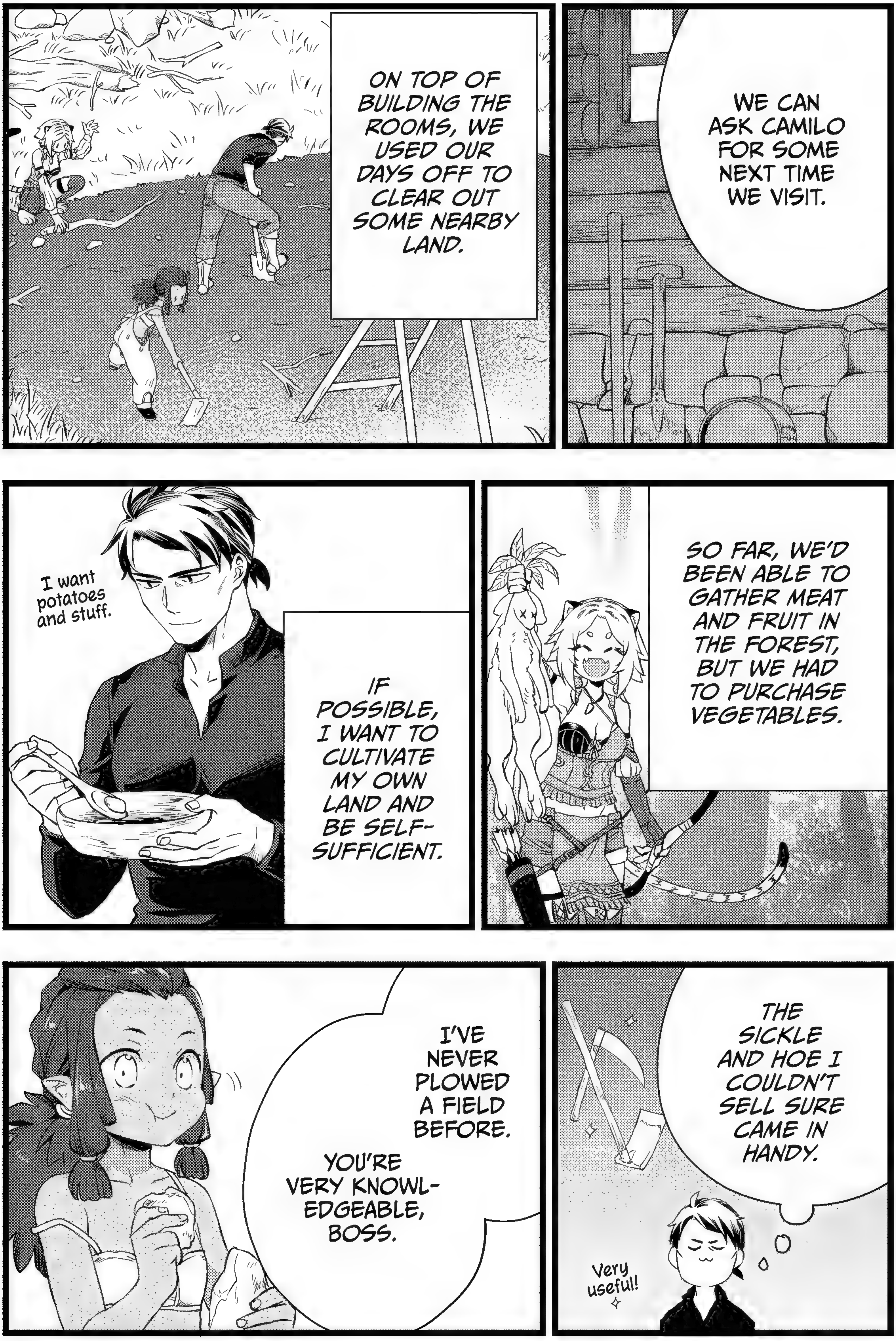
WE'VE GOT WORK TOMORROW, AND WE GOTTA FINISH CONSTRUCTION.
BUT...

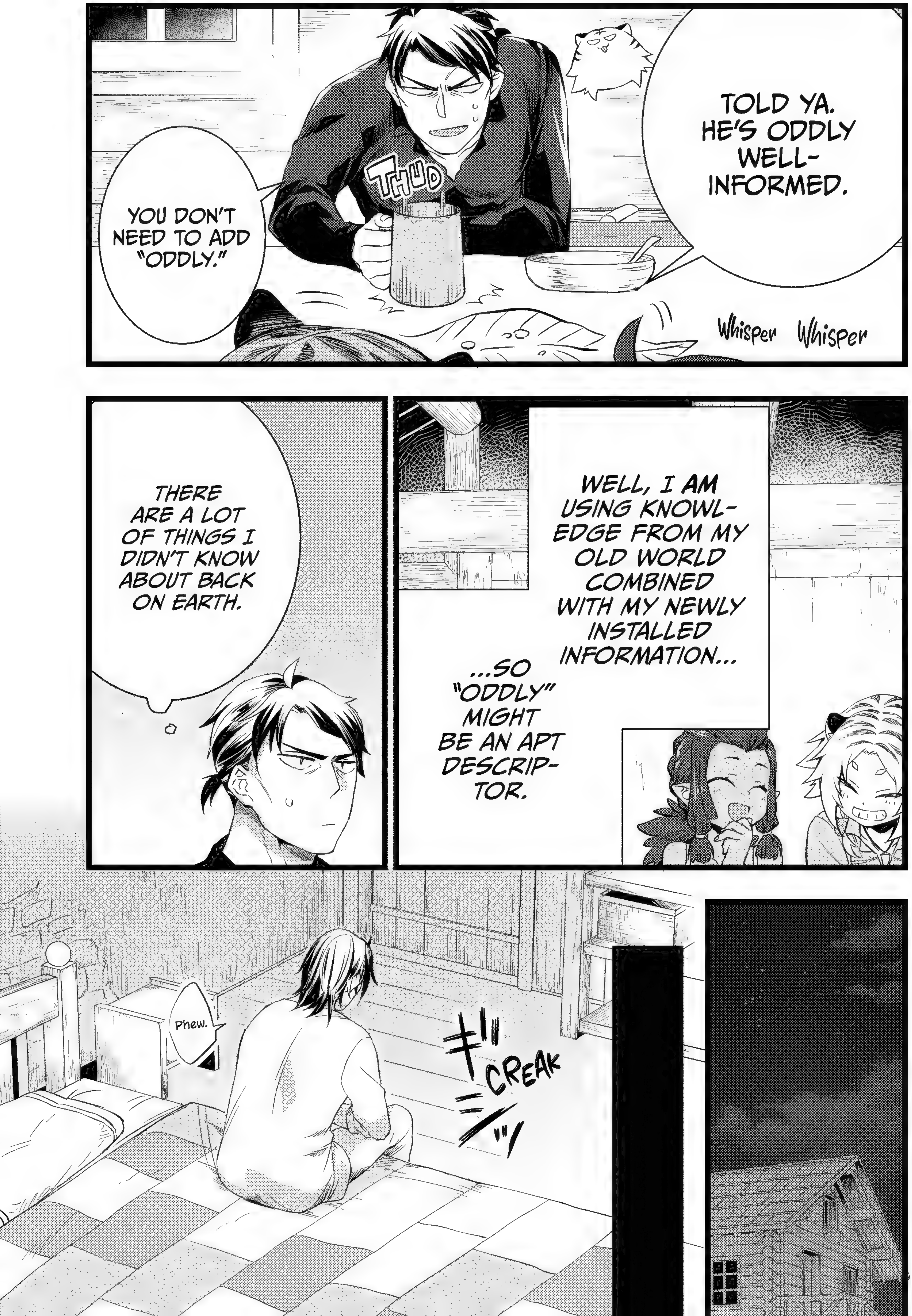
I DON'T HAVE THE SUNDAY BLUES. IN MY OLD LIFE, I ALWAYS HAD TO BRACE MYSELF FOR MONDAY.
We're home!
Wash your hands!
Got it!
IT'S FUN THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW.
IT SEEMS...
...I'VE BECOME RATHER FOND OF MY LIFE HERE.

CHAPTER 8


CHEERS!
CLINK!
YOU GUYS WORKED REALLY HARD! WE WON'T HAVE TO BUILD ANYTHING ELSE FOR A WHILE.
OUR CABIN'S FINALLY STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE.


THE NEW ROOMS WE ADDED EACH HAVE A DOOR AND A SIMPLE WINDOW.
WE ADDED A BED WITH LINENS, AND A SHELF IN EACH ONE.
THESE ROOMS WENT TO SAMYA AND RIKE.
I RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL BEDROOM, AND THE STUDY I'D BEEN SLEEPING IN WAS CONVERTED INTO A GUEST ROOM.
NOW, WE CAN EACH HAVE OUR OWN SPACE.
GULP
IT'S A FIRST FOR ME, SO I'M A BIT NERVOUS.
I'm not used to having my own room.
NEXT, I WANNA HURRY UP AND SOW SOME SEEDS IN THE GARDEN.
Ahhh
AGREED.


WE CAN ASK CAMILO FOR SOME NEXT TIME WE VISIT.
ON TOP OF BUILDING THE ROOMS, WE USED OUR DAYS OFF TO CLEAR OUT SOME NEARBY LAND.
SO FAR, WE'D BEEN ABLE TO GATHER MEAT AND FRUIT IN THE FOREST, BUT WE HAD TO PURCHASE VEGETABLES.
IF POSSIBLE, I WANT TO CULTIVATE MY OWN LAND AND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.
I want potatoes and stuff.
THE SICKLE AND HOE I COULDN'T SELL SURE CAME IN HANDY.
Very useful!
I'VE NEVER PLOWED A FIELD BEFORE.
YOU'RE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, BOSS.


TOLD YA. HE'S ODDLY WELL-INFORMED.
THUD
YOU DON'T NEED TO ADD "ODDLY."
Whisper Whisper
WELL, I AM USING KNOWLEDGE FROM MY OLD WORLD COMBINED WITH MY NEWLY INSTALLED INFORMATION...
...SO "ODDLY" MIGHT BE AN APT DESCRIPTOR.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT BACK ON EARTH.
CREAK
Phew.

RUSTLE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SLEPT IN A BED.
EVER SINCE I ARRIVED HERE, I'VE BEEN SLEEPING AT MY DESK IN THE STUDY.
ZZZ
or on the floor.
BUT I'M ONLY ABLE TO SLEEP AT A DESK BECAUSE I WAS OVERWORKED BACK ON EARTH.
SHOULD I REALLY BE GLAD THAT I BROUGHT THAT ABILITY WITH ME?
Ha ha...
I'M YOUNGER NOW. AROUND THIRTY.
BUT INTERNALLY, I'M A CREAKING FORTY-SOMETHING.
I SHOULD RESPECT MY BODY A BIT MORE.

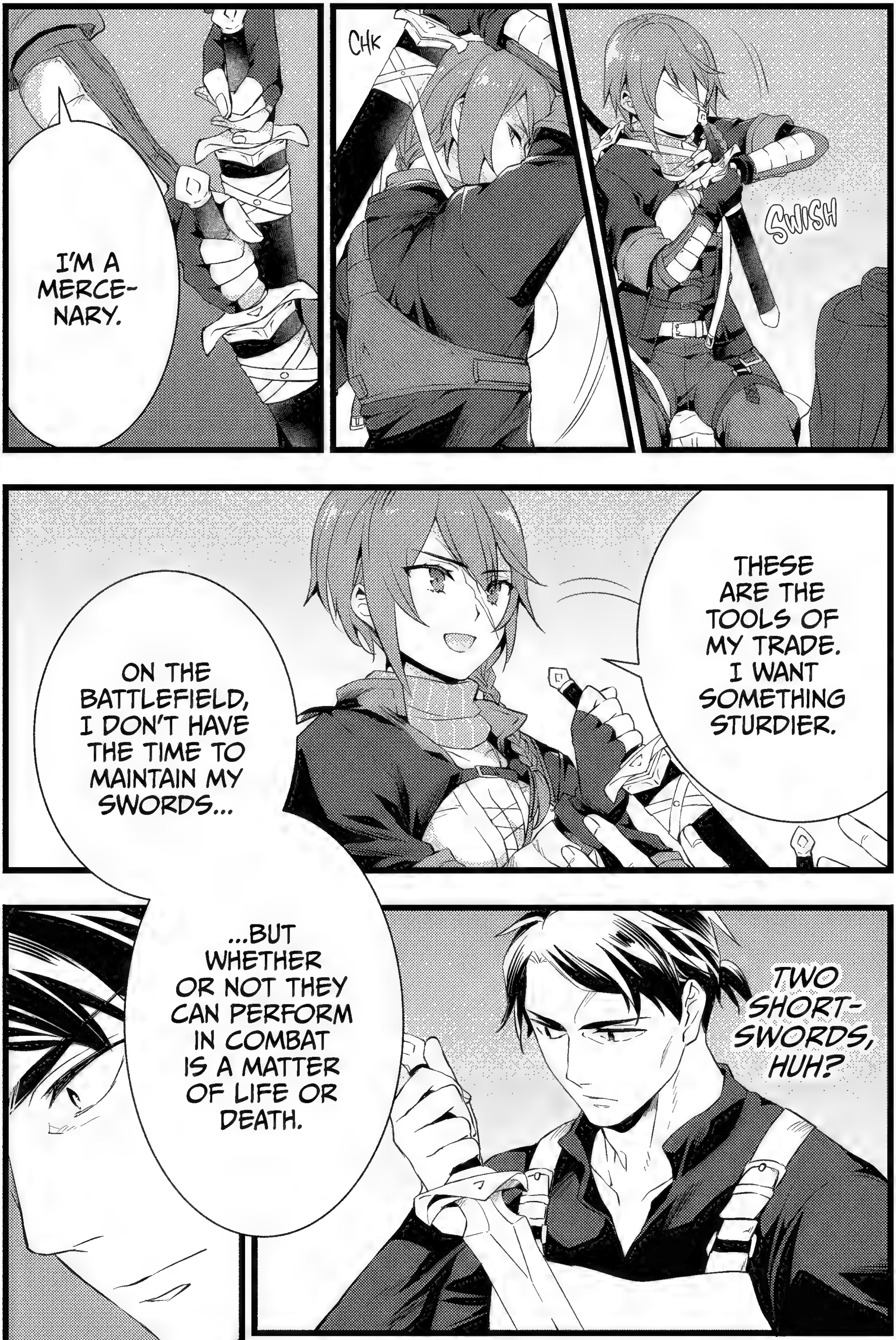
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
SNAP
ZSH
TWITCH
...
FWOOM
WHAT'S UP, SAMYA?
SOMEONE'S COMING.

CAMILO TOLD ME WHERE TO FIND YA! I WANT TO COMMISSION A SWORD!
ドンッ
BANG
ドンッ
BANG
ドンッ
BANG
!
FLUFF
ドンッ
BANG
ドンッ
BANG
ドンッ
BANG
WHAT A LOUD VOICE.
CLATTER... ガタ...
COMING.
ドンッ
BANG
I'M OPENING THE DOOR NOW.

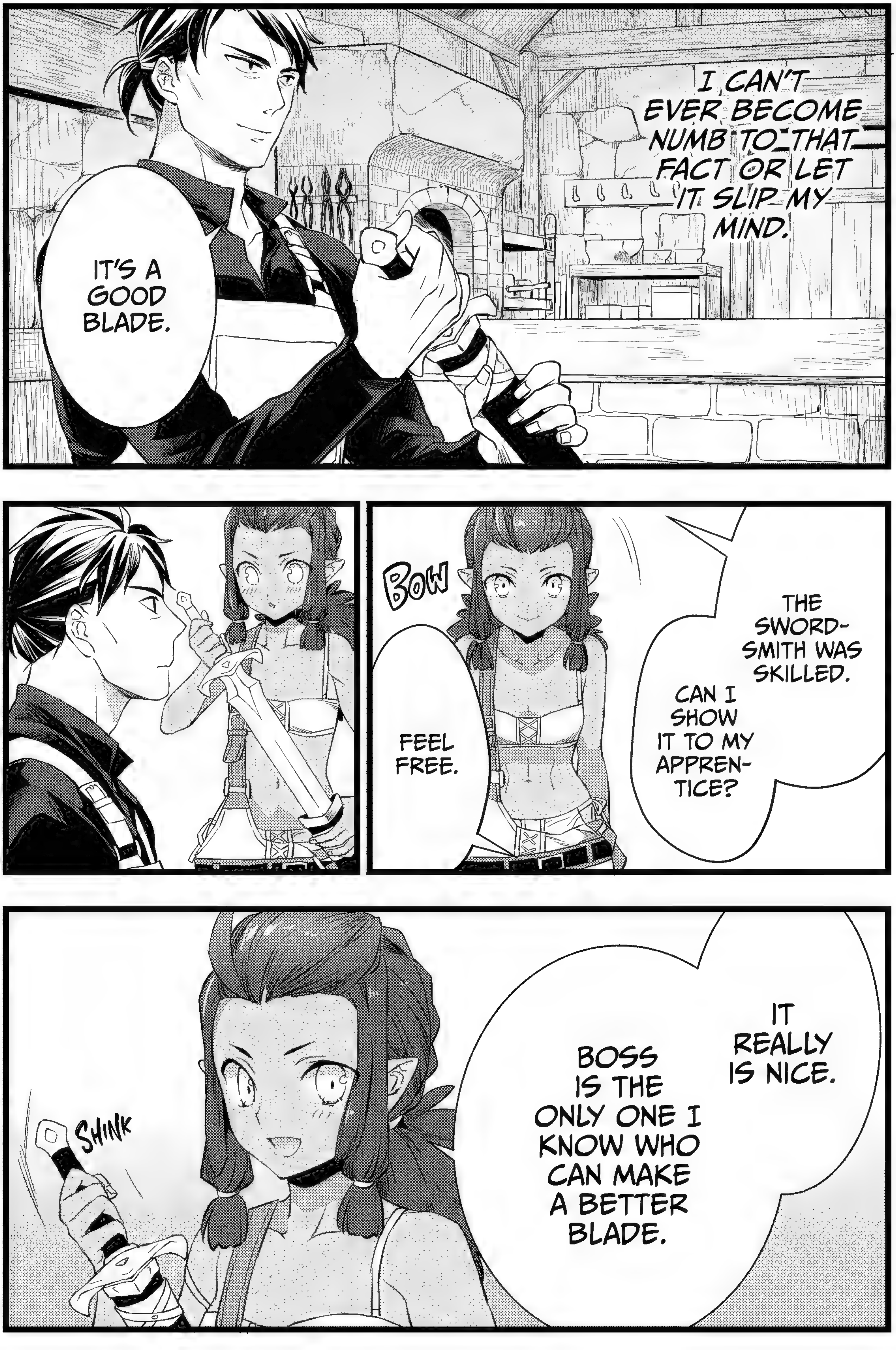
CREAK
キィ
WELCOME.
ARE YOU THE SMITH WHO MAKES WEAPONS FOR CAMILO'S STORE?
I'M HELEN.

YEAH, THAT'S ME. I'M EIZO.
She's...
...loud.
MY FIRST GUEST!
COME ON IN.
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAME HERE ALONE?
YEAH.
WERE YOU ATTACKED BY WOLVES?
UH, NO?
I saw some adorable rabbits, though!

IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIND THIS PLACE, BUT I FOLLOWED THE CHIMNEY SMOKE.
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S SO STRONG THAT EVEN THE WOLVES WOULDN'T APPROACH HER.
AWESOME HOUSE YOU'VE GOT.
THE DEAL WAS THAT YOU NEEDED TO REACH THIS FORGE BY YOURSELF.
AND YOU'VE DONE THAT.
AS PROMISED, I'LL FORGE YOU A SWORD.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?


SWISH
CHK
I'M A MERCENARY.
THESE ARE THE TOOLS OF MY TRADE. I WANT SOMETHING STURDIER.
ON THE BATTLEFIELD, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO MAINTAIN MY SWORDS...
...BUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN PERFORM IN COMBAT IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.
TWO SHORT-SWORDS, HUH?

...
THESE WELL-USED BLADES ARE COVERED IN SCRATCHES.
FWISH...
I MAKE WEAPONS MEANT FOR COMBAT.
IF I USE MY CHEATS TO FORGE A BLADE...
...HER OPPONENTS WILL GET HURT.
THE WEAPONS I FORGE HARM PEOPLE.
THAT WILL ALWAYS BE TRUE.
I MUST CONTINUE TO ACCEPT IT. I MUSTN'T LOOK AWAY.

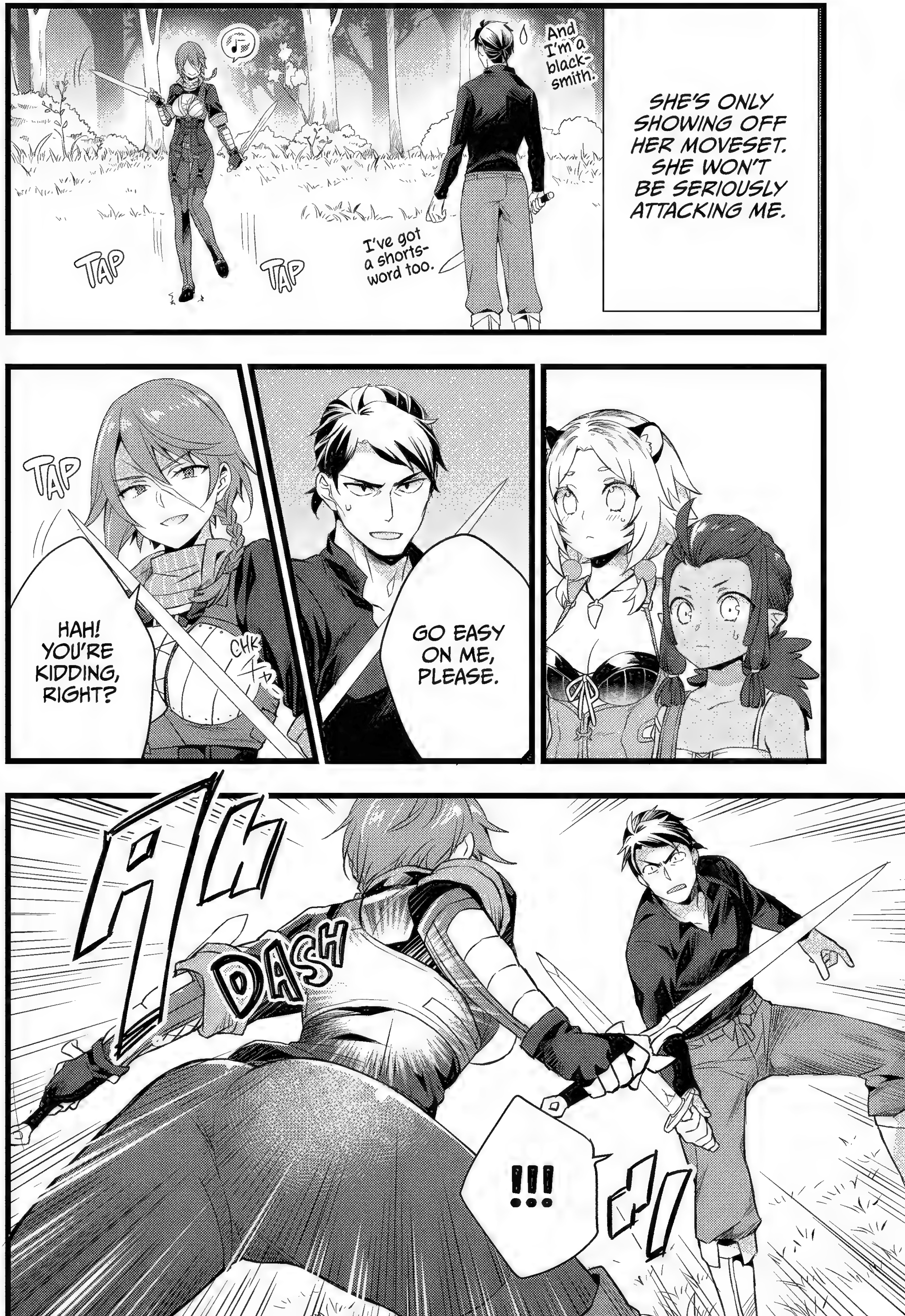

I CAN'T EVER BECOME NUMB TO THAT FACT OR LET IT SLIP MY MIND.
IT'S A GOOD BLADE.
BOW
THE SWORDSMITH WAS SKILLED.
CAN I SHOW IT TO MY APPRENTICE?
FEEL FREE.
IT REALLY IS NICE.
BOSS IS THE ONLY ONE I KNOW WHO CAN MAKE A BETTER BLADE.
SHINK

IF YOU EVEN HAVE THE DWARF'S APPROVAL, I'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!
SHE'S SO LOUD.
SO, HOW WILL YOU USE THESE BLADES?
Here's your sword.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I WANNA KNOW HOW YOU WIELD YOUR SWORDS.
THAT'LL COME IN HANDY WHEN I'M SMITHING.
Hmmmm...
LET'S SEE...
SWISH
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN. HOW ABOUT I SHOW YA?

STOMP ♪ STOMP
Here I go!
ス SWISH
WHOOSH
WHISH
SWOOSH
SHE'S FAST!
FWISH
FWIP

I SEE. SO SHE USES ONE SWORD TO KEEP HER OPPONENT IN CHECK AND THE OTHER FOR OFFENSE.
And she's really fast.
UGH...
WHAT'S WRONG?
I NEED A REAL OPPONENT TO GET IN THE MOOD.
THAT'S IT! YOU SHOULD FIGHT ME!
Mrow!
ME?!
STEP
She's pumped.
Huff
Huff
NOD
NOD
I THINK SAM— I MEAN, THIS BEASTFOLK RIGHT HERE IS MORE USED TO COMBAT.
?
YOU LOOK STRONGER, EIZO.

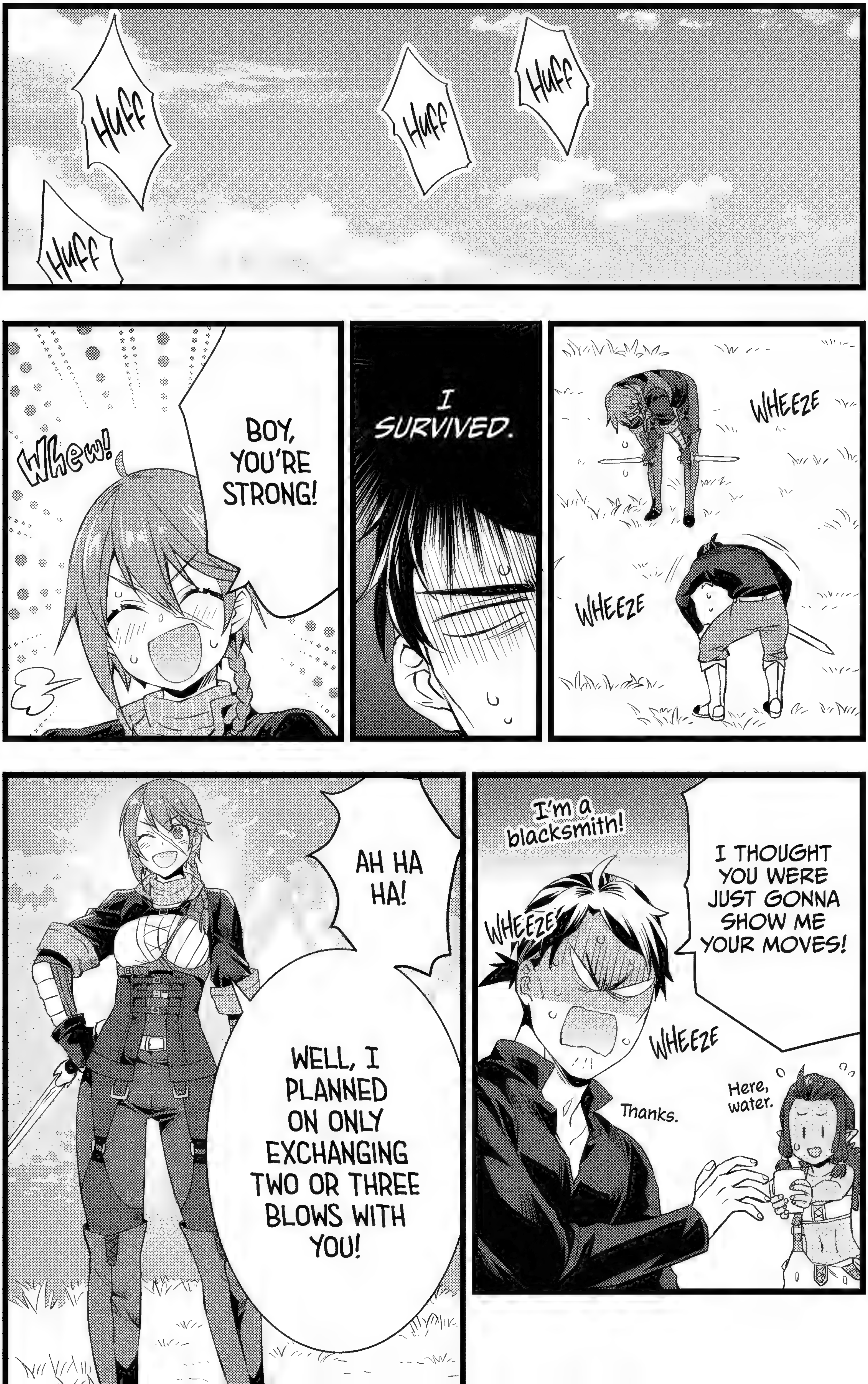
ガン
BAM
!!!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...
Is she?
HMM...
I HAVEN'T FOUGHT ANYONE SINCE COMING TO THIS WORLD.
BUT...
...THIS BODY KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT.
I'M MADE THAT WAY...
...AND I CAN TELL.
YOU'RE STRONG...
OKAY.


SHE'S ONLY SHOWING OFF HER MOVESET. SHE WON'T BE SERIOUSLY ATTACKING ME.
And I'm a blacksmith.
I've got a shortsword too.
TAP
TAP
GO EASY ON ME, PLEASE.
TAP
HAH! YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
CHK
DASH
!!!

...
CLANG!
!
!
WHOOSH
WHISH
FWISH
WHA--?!
SWISH
WHISH
CLANG!
FWISH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
!
SHE'S SHOCKINGLY FAST!
ROAR

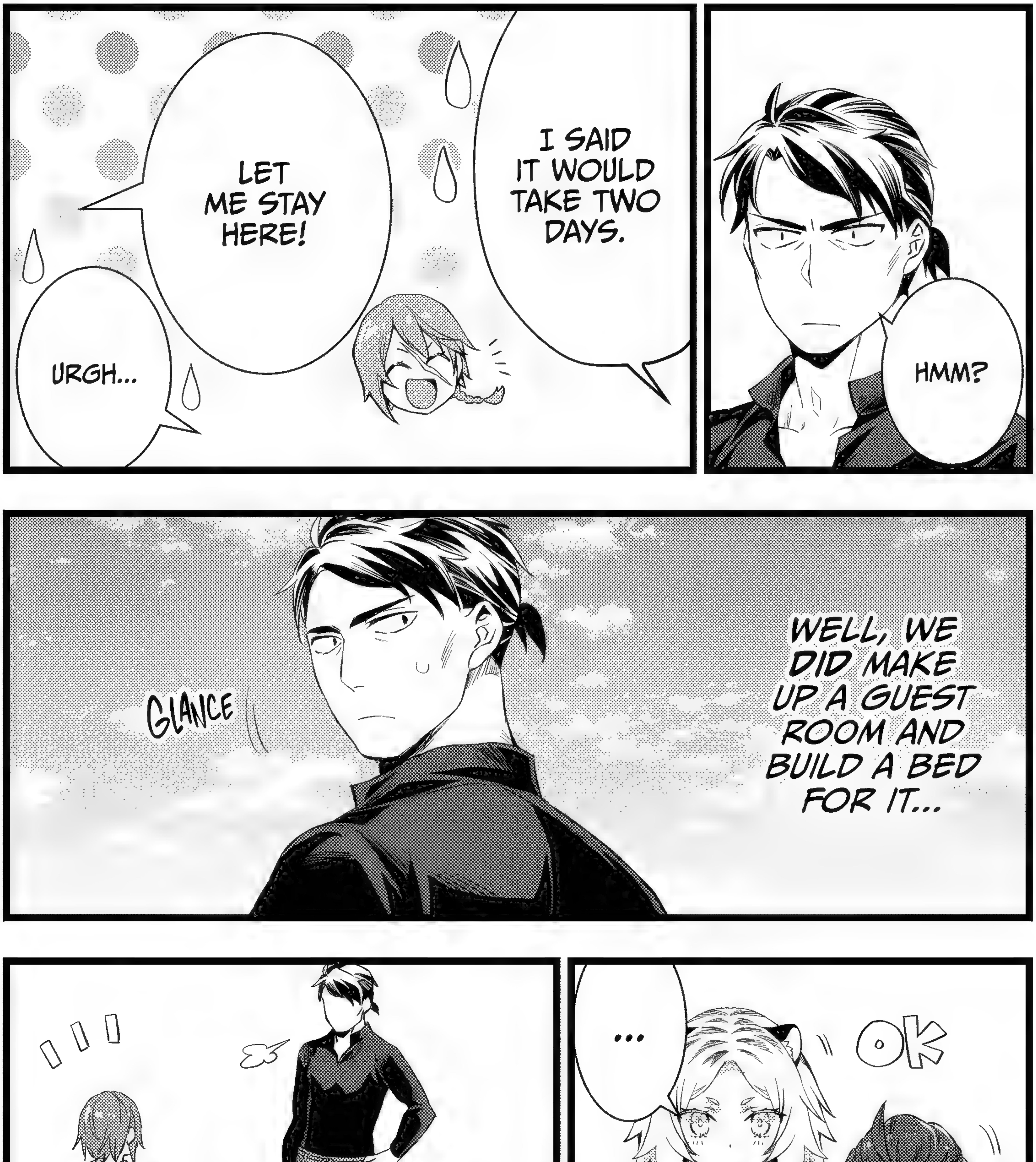
SHE'S LIKE A BOLT OF LIGHTNING!
WHOA!
YOU'RE NOT HALF BAD!
PLEASE CUT ME SOME SLACK!
IF NOT FOR MY CHEATS, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE HER.
SHE WOULD'VE HACKED ME TO PIECES IN A SECOND!

JUST KEEPING UP WITH HER...
CLANG!
...IS TOUGH!
KLANK!
WHOOSH
CLANG
!!!
SWIPE
SWI
FF
WHISH
SCARED
FLUTTER
SHE'S...
My precious hair!
STOMP
CLANG
...GOING ALL OUT?!
Gimme a break!
CLANG
HERE I COME!
STOMP


Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
I SURVIVED.
Whew!
BOY, YOU'RE STRONG!
I'm a blacksmith!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST GONNA SHOW ME YOUR MOVES!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
Here, water.
Thanks.
AH HA HA!
WELL, I PLANNED ON ONLY EXCHANGING TWO OR THREE BLOWS WITH YOU!

BUT NOT MANY CAN KEEP UP WITH MY ATTACKS.
I'M CALLED **LIGHTNING BLADE,** Y'KNOW?
YOU GOT ME ALL FIRED UP! **SORRY!**
Ah ha ha!
A true battle junkie...
...
GOOD GRIEF. WELL, I UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS BETTER NOW.
LET'S SEE... IT'LL TAKE TWO DAYS TO FORGE YOUR SWORD. COME BACK IN THREE DAYS.
HMM?

DO I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE CITY TODAY?
WHAT ELSE WILL YOU DO HERE?
Battle junkie!
AFTER A BREAK, LET'S GO FOR ANOTHER ROUND!
IF WE DO THAT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FORGE YOUR SWORDS!
Hey!
YOU GOT ME THERE.
YEAH...
OH!
CLACK
THEN LEMME WATCH YOU WORK!


I SAID IT WOULD TAKE TWO DAYS.
LET ME STAY HERE!
URGH...
HMM?
GLANCE
WELL, WE DID MAKE UP A GUEST ROOM AND BUILD A BED FOR IT...
FINE, YOU CAN STAY.
...
OK

WOO-HOO! JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!
ばこん
SMACK
OW!
AND SO...
...WE'RE HOSTING OUR FIRST GUEST...
おお
Thanks for letting me stay!
Urghhhh...
お...
...AT FORGE EIZO.

HELEN
Tall—around 180 cm
Big in all sorts of ways, e.g. her voice
Works as a mercenary; super fast and strong!
Nickname: Lightning Blade
First custom model guest at Forge Eizo
Battle junkie

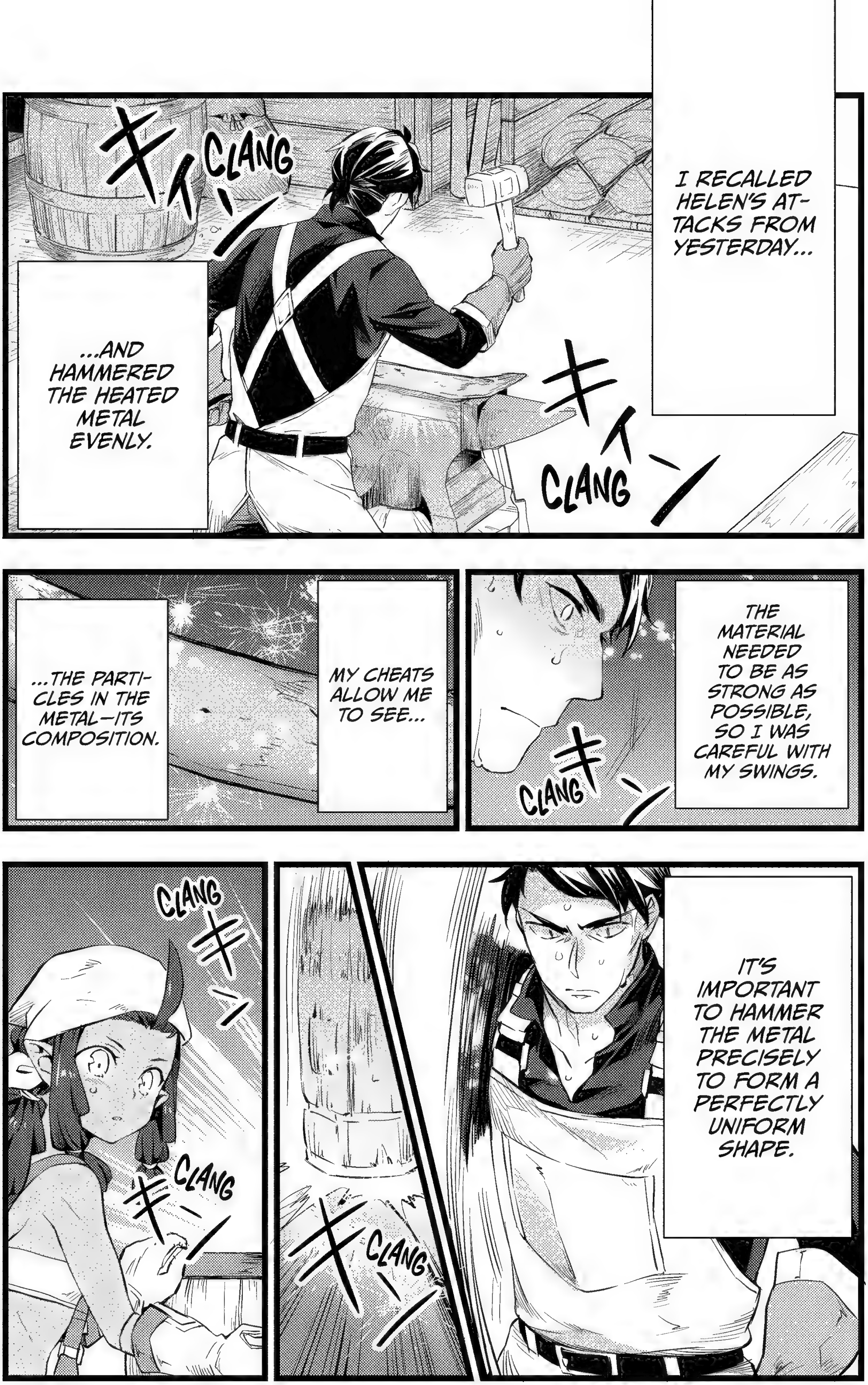
MEOW
CHAPTER 9
AFTER SPARRING WITH HELEN...
...I DECIDED TO SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY FINISHING OUR ONGOING WORK IN THE FORGE.
I'M DONE DEBURRING, EIZO.
THANKS. LEAVE IT THERE, PLEASE.
I'LL CLEAN UP AND TEND TO MY BOW.
ガチャ
CLACK
SAMYA.
HMM?

YOU'VE IMPROVED BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.
THANKS.
BLUUSH
PERK UP
!
SAMYA HELPS IN THE FORGE WHEN SHE'S NOT OUT HUNTING.
HOP
SHE MAINLY DOES CASTING AND DEBURRING.
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S HAVING FUN.
MAYBE I'LL LET HER HOLD A HAMMER ONE DAY.
CLANG!
!
CLANG

LET'S HAVE DINNER!
OKAY!
ON THE WAY HERE, I PASSED BY THIS COLOSSAL DEER!
YOU DON'T WANT TO ANGER A TREE DEER.
They're massive!
I'LL BE CAREFUL.
I ALSO SAW A BEAR OFF IN THE DISTANCE.
!
SQUEEZE...
キュ…

SO IT'S STILL NEARBY...
WHAT'S WRONG?
Huh?
A WHILE AGO...
...SAMYA WAS ATTACKED. THAT BEAR MAULED HER, AND...
...SHE ALMOST LOST HER LIFE.
I SEE.
HAD I BEEN FULLY EQUIPPED, I WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE IT DOWN.
DON'T BE RECKLESS.
THE THING'S DANGEROUS FOR EVEN SAMYA, AND SHE'S LIVED IN THE BLACK FOREST HER WHOLE LIFE.
SHOULD THE WORST HAPPEN...
IF WE ENDED UP STUMBLING ACROSS YOUR BODY... WELL, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT.
GOT IT.

CHIRP
TWEET
パァン
SLAP
パァン
SLAP
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET STARTED ON OUR FORGE'S FIRST CUSTOM MODEL!
WE'LL GIVE EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!
Yes sir!
GLOW...
ポウ
FWOOM...
HELEN WILL OBSERVE US TOMORROW.
TODAY, SHE'S OUT FORAGING AND EXPLORING THE FOREST WITH SAMYA.


I RECALLED HELEN'S ATTACKS FROM YESTERDAY...
CLANG
...AND HAMMERED THE HEATED METAL EVENLY.
CLANG
THE MATERIAL NEEDED TO BE AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE, SO I WAS CAREFUL WITH MY SWINGS.
CLANG
MY CHEATS ALLOW ME TO SEE...
...THE PARTICLES IN THE METAL—ITS COMPOSITION.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAMMER THE METAL PRECISELY TO FORM A PERFECTLY UNIFORM SHAPE.
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

FWOOM
BUBBLE
I'LL TEST OUT THE DURABILITY.
RIKE, CAN YOU BRING ME AN ENTRY-LEVEL SHORTSWORD?
Haah...
WHIP!
YES SIR!
SHUNK
KLANG!
EEE
Good.
CLANG!
CLING!
KLANK!

ALL RIGHT! IT PASSED THE TEST!
WOOOOOW!
AND NOT A SCRATCH ON THIS BLADE!
BUT THIS ONE CAN'T BE SOLD ANYMORE.
RAGGED
HUH?
FWISH
YOU CAN HONE THE EDGE OR REHAMMER THE BLADE AND IT'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW.
QUALITY-WISE, YEAH.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO SELL A SWORD I'VE ALREADY USED.
CLUNK
ゴト
I'LL HAMMER IT OUT AGAIN AND MAKE IT MY OWN.
Whoa...
YOU REALLY ARE A HEADSTRONG ARTISAN TYPE, HUH, BOSS?
Grin
OF COURSE.

A HEAD-STRONG ARTISAN...
THAT HAS A NICE RING TO IT.
I WAS BESTOWED THIS POWER, AND I CAN GO ALL OUT WITH MY OWN RULES.
I'M A STEP CLOSER TO WHAT I ALWAYS DREAMED OF BECOMING.
ジャコ
SWISH
ジャコ
SWISH
ジャコ
SWISH
ヤッ
FWISH
ヤッ
FWISH
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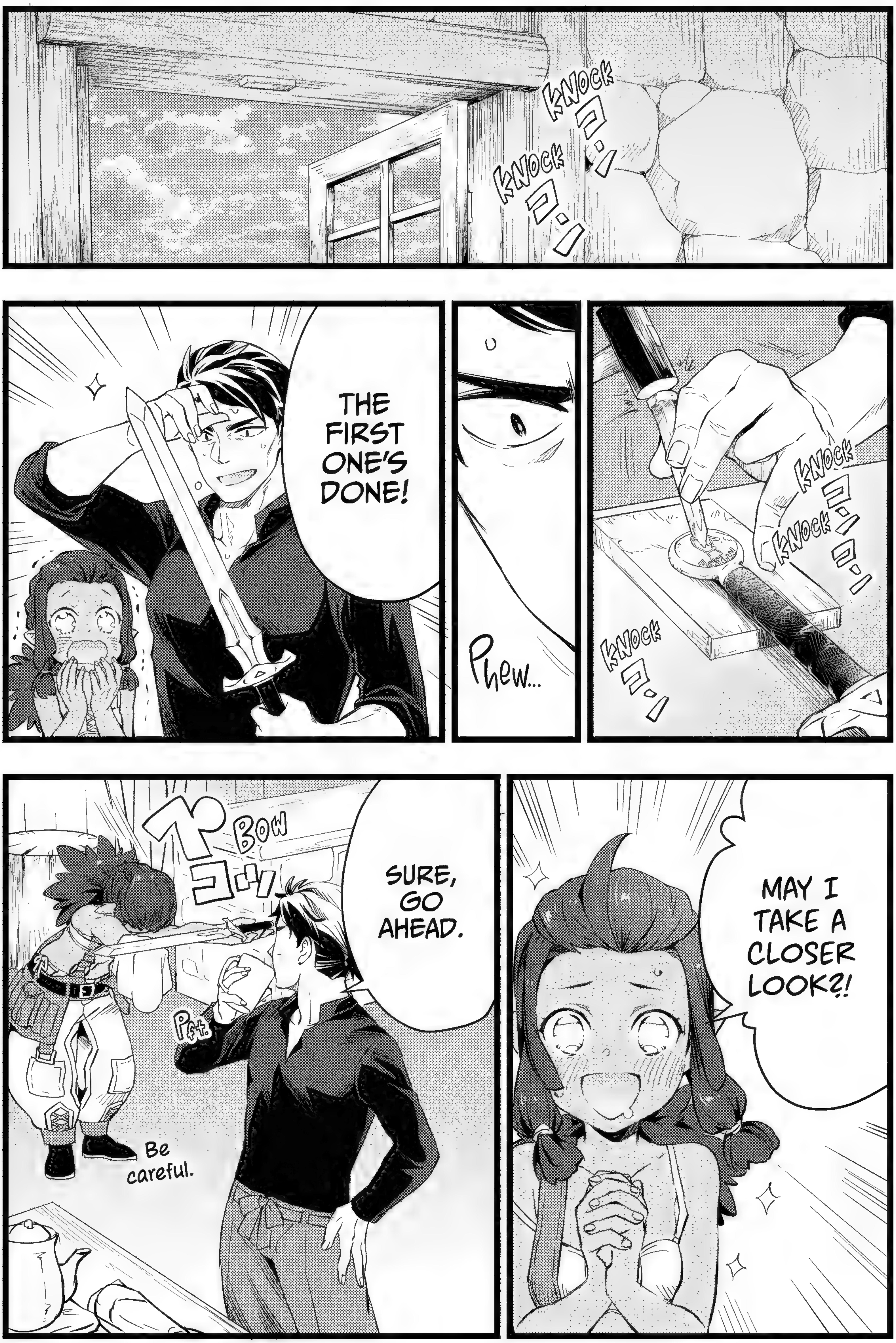
FWISH
ヤッ
FWISH
I see. You gotta do it like that!
AND THAT FILLS ME WITH IMMENSE PLEASURE.
FWISH
ヤッ


kNOCK
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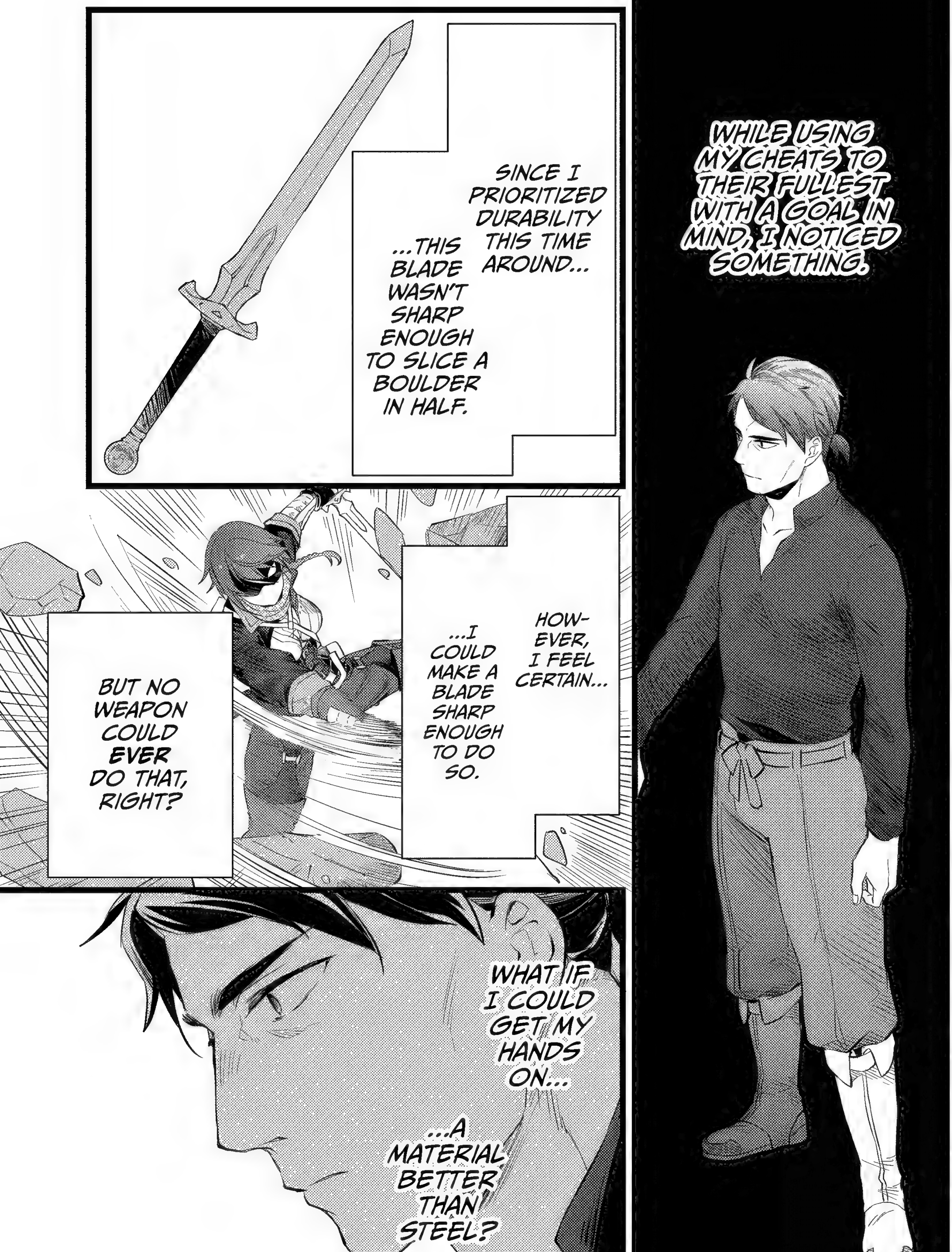
Phew...
THE FIRST ONE'S DONE!
MAY I TAKE A CLOSER LOOK?!
BOW
SURE, GO AHEAD.
Pft.
Be careful.

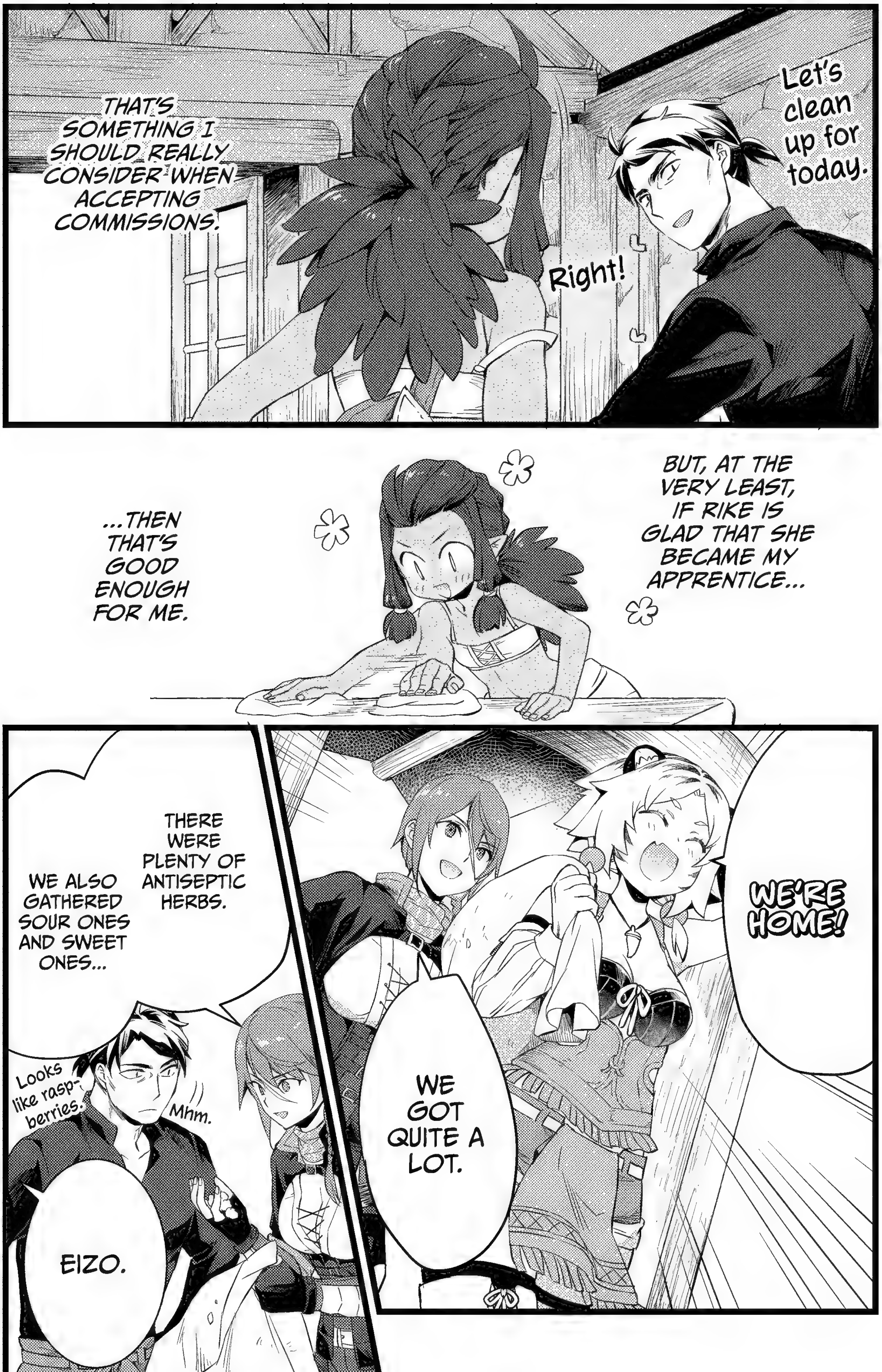
STARE
STARE
LOOKS LIKE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO MISS A THING.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Huff
...
NOT JUST ANY OLD SMITH—ACTUALLY, NOT EVEN A *SKILLED* SMITH COULD COME CLOSE TO THIS LEVEL OF QUALITY.

FORGIVE ME FOR TOUCHING UPON YOUR PAST...
...BUT WHATEVER YOUR REASONS WERE FOR COMING HERE...
...THE NORDIC FOLK SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS THE DAY YOU LEFT.
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
I DON'T HAVE A SHRED OF DOUBT.
...
IT'S TRUE THAT MY SKILLS AREN'T NORMAL.
IN FACT, THEY'RE COMPLETELY UNBELIEVABLE.


WHILE USING MY CHEATS TO THEIR FULLEST WITH A GOAL IN MIND, I NOTICED SOMETHING.
SINCE I PRIORITIZED DURABILITY THIS TIME AROUND...
...THIS BLADE WASN'T SHARP ENOUGH TO SLICE A BOULDER IN HALF.
HOWEVER, I FEEL CERTAIN...
...I COULD MAKE A BLADE SHARP ENOUGH TO DO SO.
BUT NO WEAPON COULD **EVER** DO THAT, RIGHT?
WHAT IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON...
...A MATERIAL BETTER THAN STEEL?

EVEN WITHOUT THAT, I KNOW I CAN MAKE A WEAPON...
...THAT'S BOTH DURABLE AND SHARP.
I JUST KNOW IT.
WHICH MEANS...
...IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THE SWORD WON'T JUST DETERMINE THE LIFE OR DEATH OF THE WIELDER, BUT OF OTHERS TOO.
A CUSTOM BLADE COULD VERY WELL ESCAPE CONTAINMENT AND AFFECT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
WHAT IF THE ITEMS I FORGE BECOME STRATEGIC WEAPONS OF WAR?

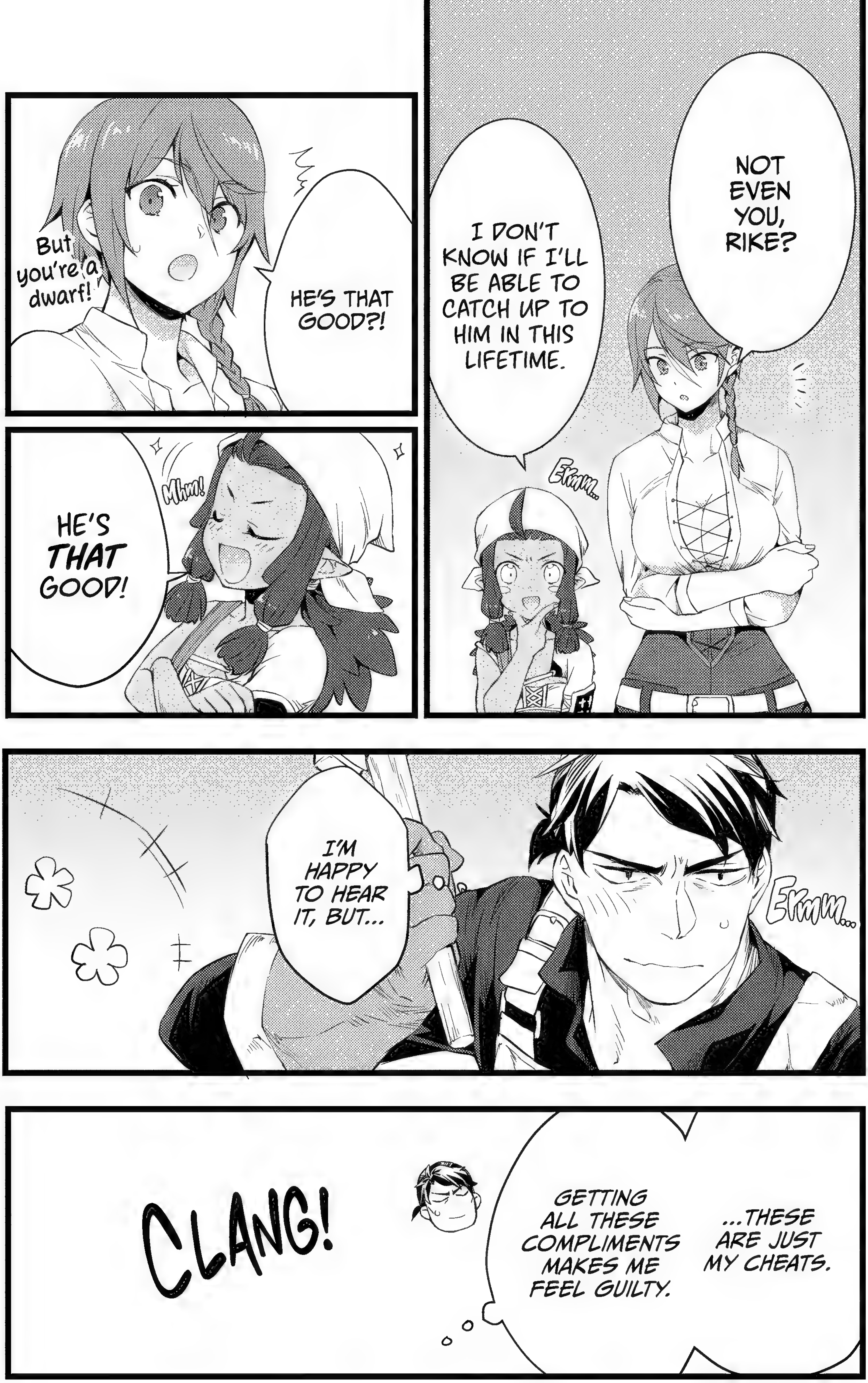
AM I PREPARED TO BEAR THE EMOTIONAL BURDEN?
BOSS?
GASP
I'M SORRY. HAVE I MADE YOU UPSET?
NAH.
I WAS JUST THINKING, THAT'S ALL.
POMF
!
BOSS ?!
I SHOULDN'T FRET OVER SOMETHING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET.

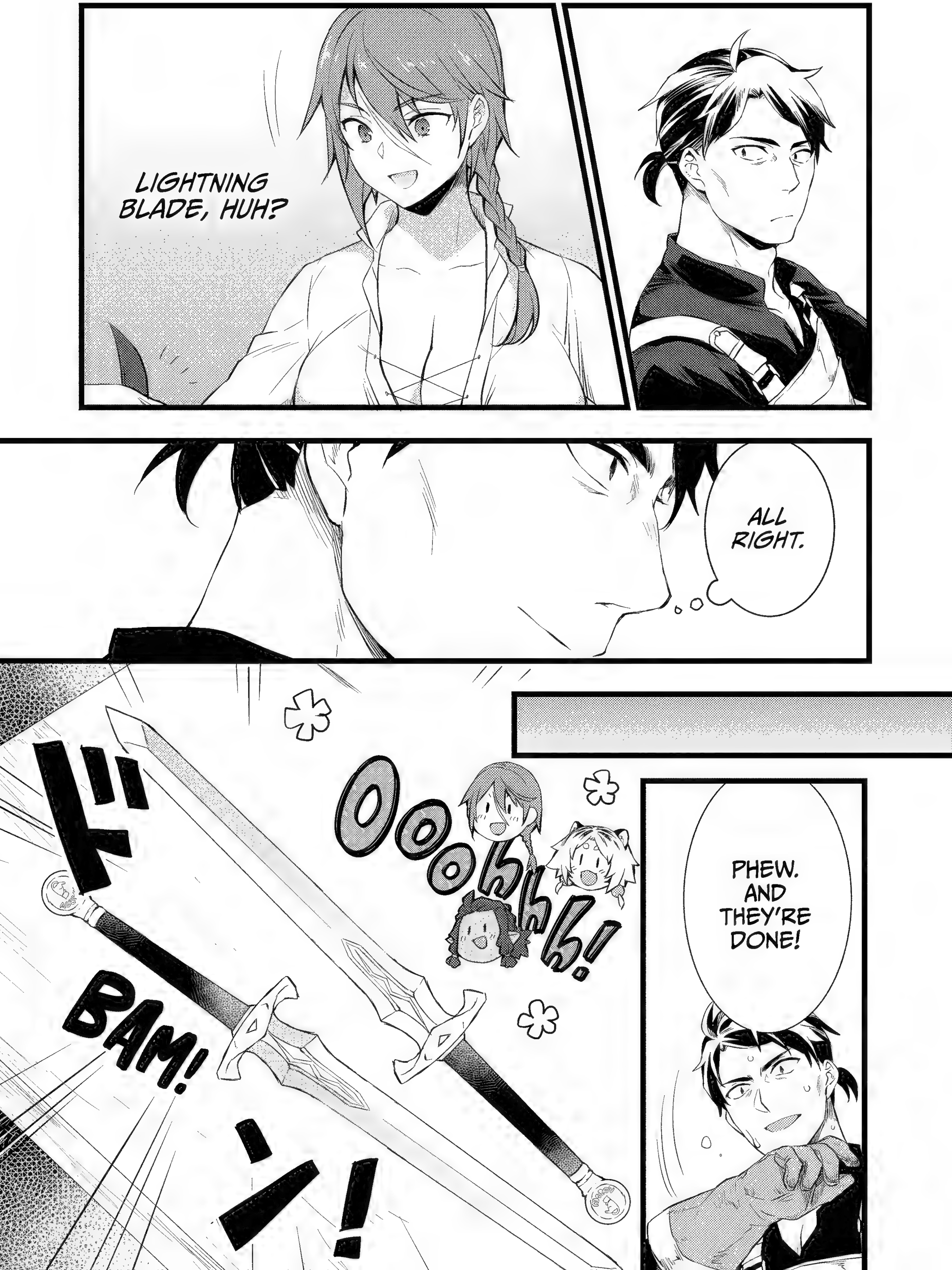

Let's clean up for today.
Right!
THAT'S SOMETHING I SHOULD REALLY CONSIDER WHEN ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS.
BUT, AT THE VERY LEAST, IF RIKE IS GLAD THAT SHE BECAME MY APPRENTICE...
...THEN THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
WE'RE HOME!
WE GOT QUITE A LOT.
THERE WERE PLENTY OF ANTISEPTIC HERBS.
WE ALSO GATHERED SOUR ONES AND SWEET ONES...
Mhm.
Looks like raspberries.
EIZO.

THE WOLVES WERE MORE AGITATED THAN USUAL TODAY.
I'M PRETTY SURE HELEN SAW THAT SAME BLACK BEAR.
I SEE...
GOT IT.
FOR TODAY, LET'S JUST EAT.
POMF
OKAY!

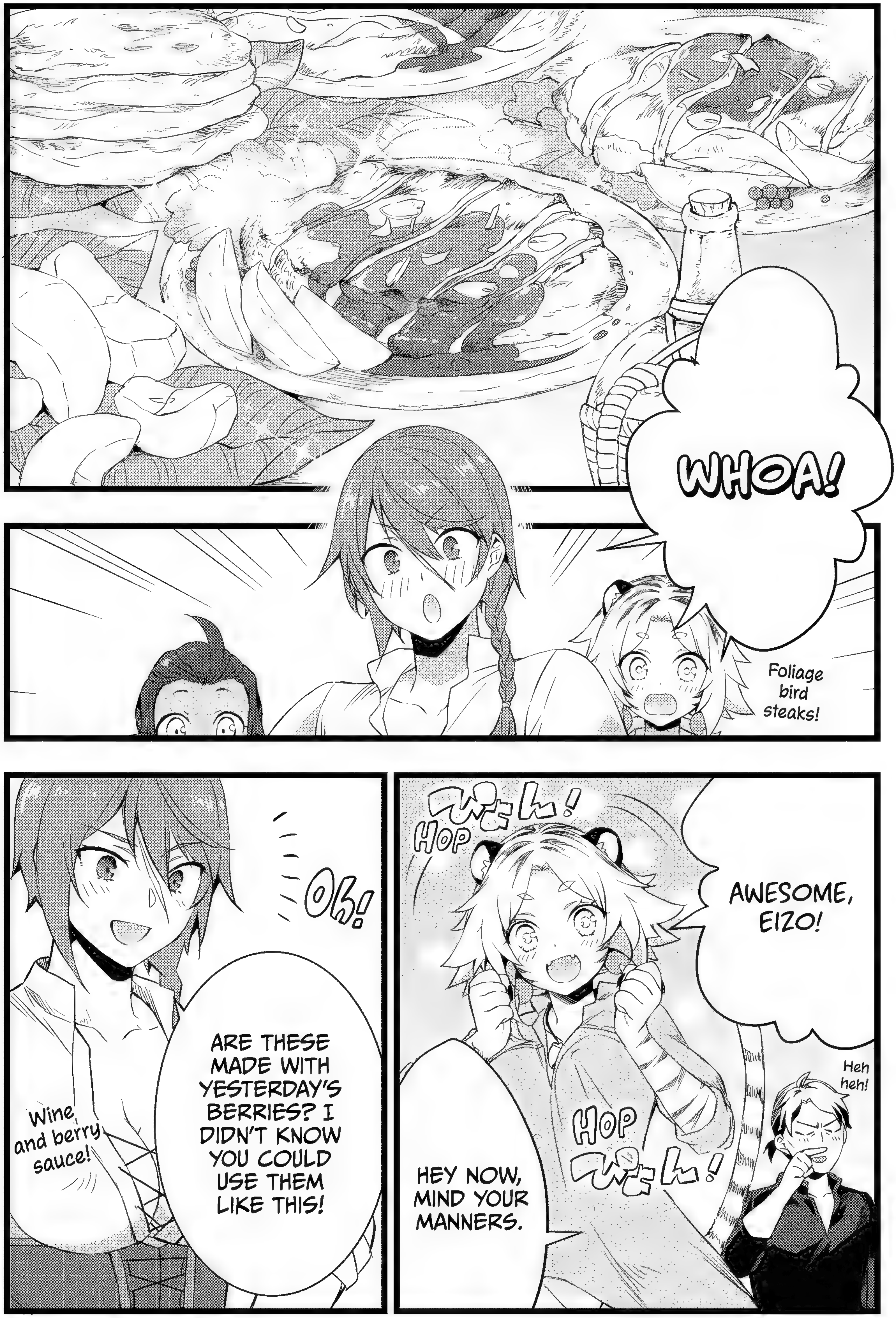
HMM, A BEAR. I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AND PROTECT NOT ONLY SAMYA...
...BUT RIKE TOO.
CLANG!
CLANG!

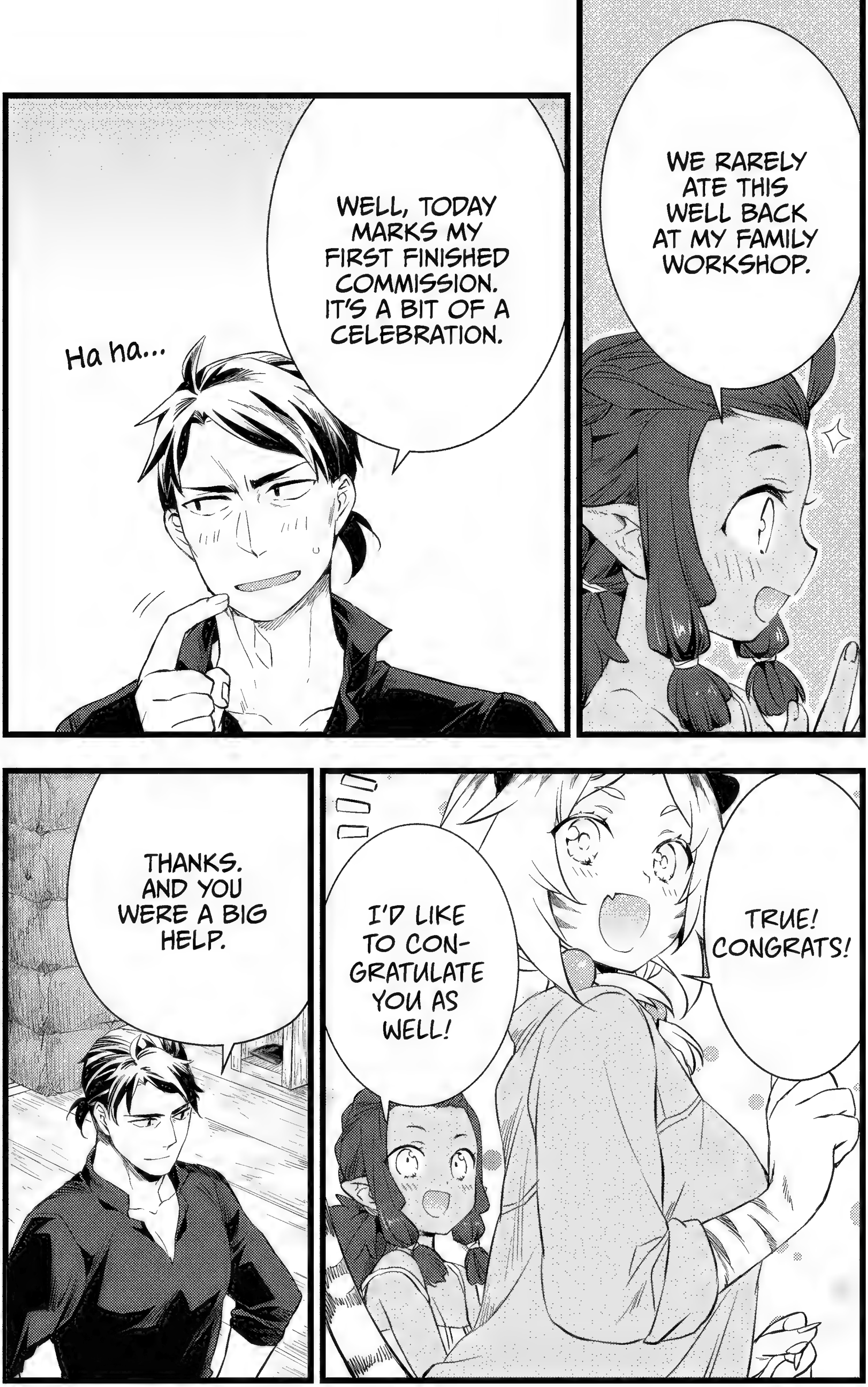
TODAY, WE'RE MAKING THE SECOND SHORT-SWORD. HELEN'S WATCHING.
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
He's quick.
YOU MAKE IT LOOK SO EASY.
NO ONE CAN FORGE A SWORD AS QUICKLY AS BOSS!
BAM


NOT EVEN YOU, RIKE?
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH UP TO HIM IN THIS LIFETIME.
Ermm...
HE'S THAT GOOD?!
But you're a dwarf!
Mhm!
HE'S THAT GOOD!
I'M HAPPY TO HEAR IT, BUT...
Ermm...
GETTING ALL THESE COMPLIMENTS MAKES ME FEEL GUILTY.
...THESE ARE JUST MY CHEATS.
CLANG!

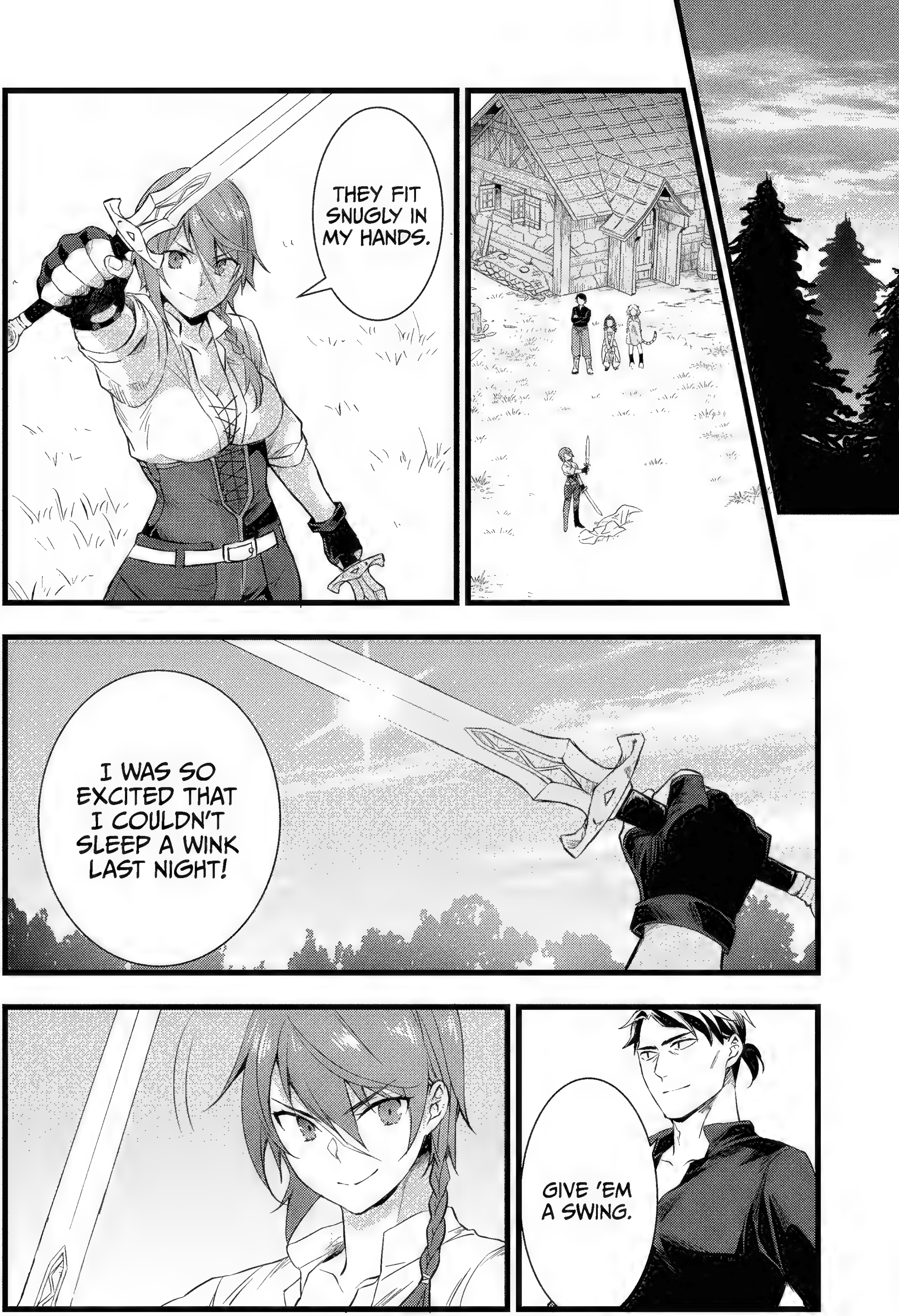

LIGHTNING BLADE, HUH?
ALL RIGHT.
PHEW. AND THEY'RE DONE!
Oooohhhh!
ドン!
BAM!

You engraved a lightning bolt!
SO EXCITED
THEN LET ME—
NOW, NOW.
IT'S GETTING LATE. TRY THEM TOMORROW.
AWWW!
I KNOW I'M MAKING YOU WAIT.
SORRY. BUT YOU CAN TEST THEM OUT TOMORROW.
BUT...
CLENCH
ARGH... FINE!
IN EXCHANGE...

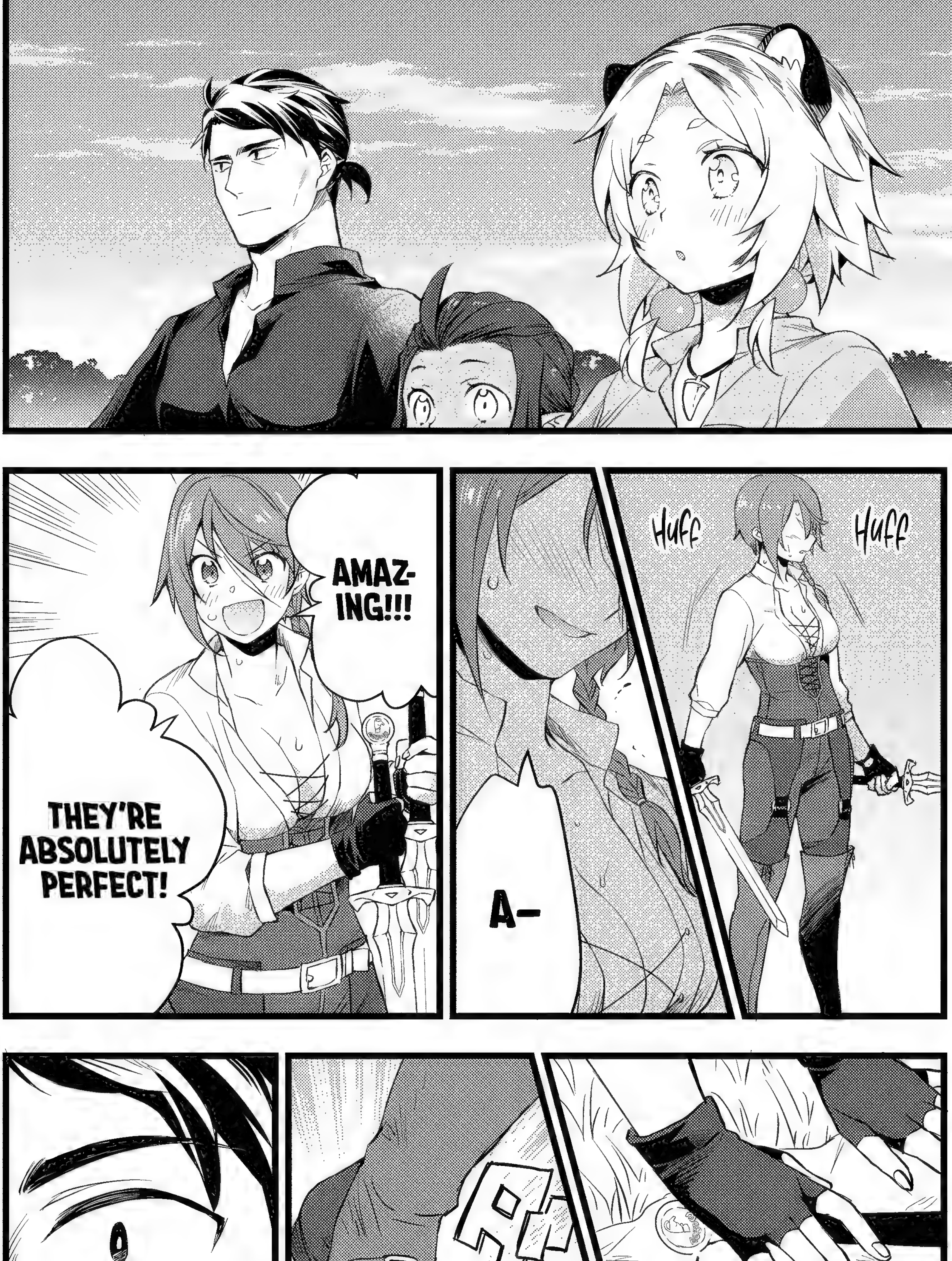

WHOA!
Foliage bird steaks!
ぴょん! HOP
AWESOME, EIZO!
Heh heh!
HOP ぴょん!
HEY NOW, MIND YOUR MANNERS.
Oh!
ARE THESE MADE WITH YESTERDAY'S BERRIES? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD USE THEM LIKE THIS!
Wine and berry sauce!


WE RARELY ATE THIS WELL BACK AT MY FAMILY WORKSHOP.
WELL, TODAY MARKS MY FIRST FINISHED COMMISSION. IT'S A BIT OF A CELEBRATION.
Ha ha...
TRUE! CONGRATS!
I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AS WELL!
THANKS. AND YOU WERE A BIG HELP.

YEAH, BRAVO!
Congrats!
SMACK SMACK
Ugh!
WELL, I ONLY MADE IT BECAUSE YOU ORDERED IT. THANKS FOR THAT.
You're the client!
Cough
LET'S EAT BEFORE THE FOOD GETS COLD!
All right!

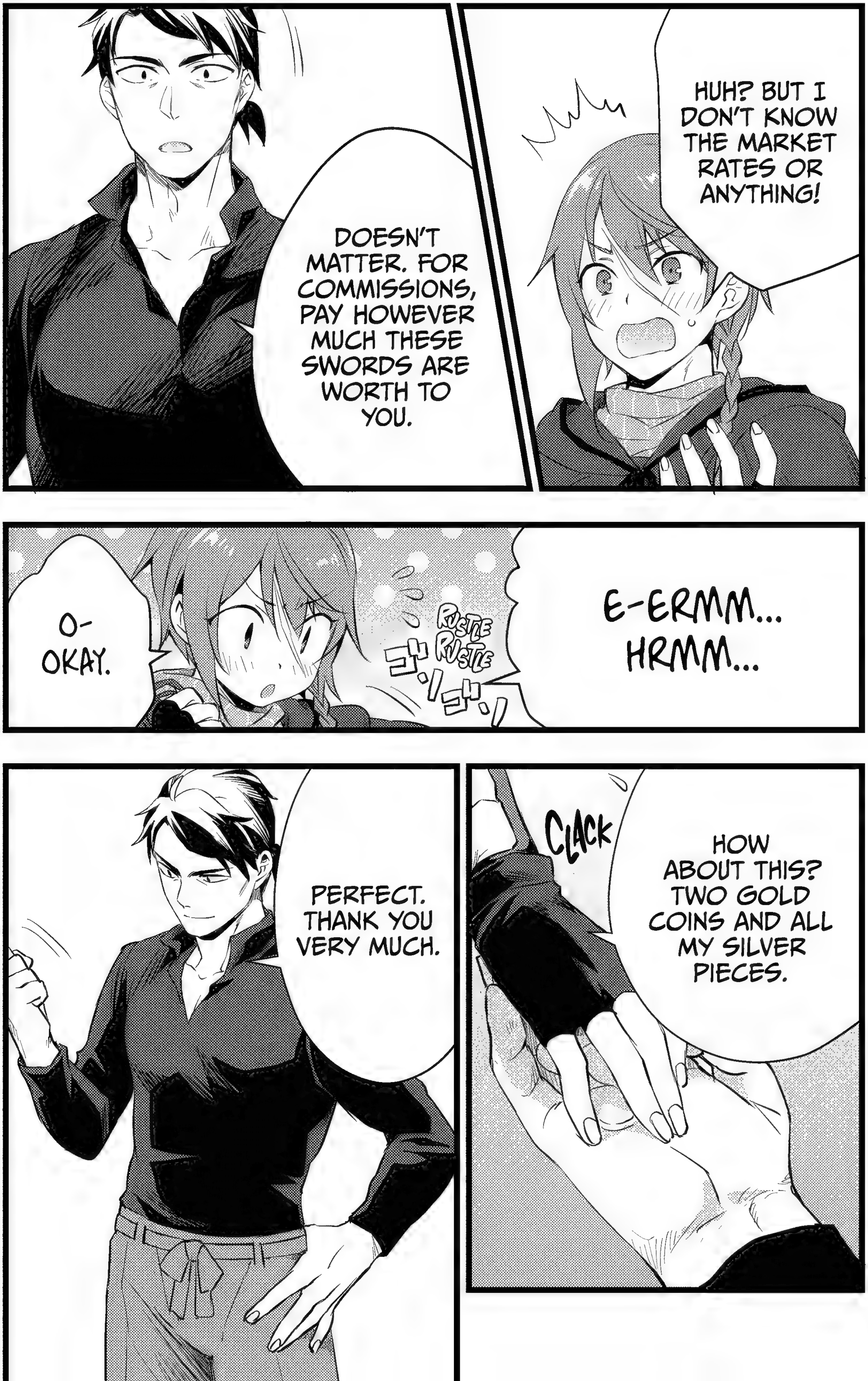

THEY FIT SNUGLY IN MY HANDS.
I WAS SO EXCITED THAT I COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK LAST NIGHT!
GIVE 'EM A SWING.

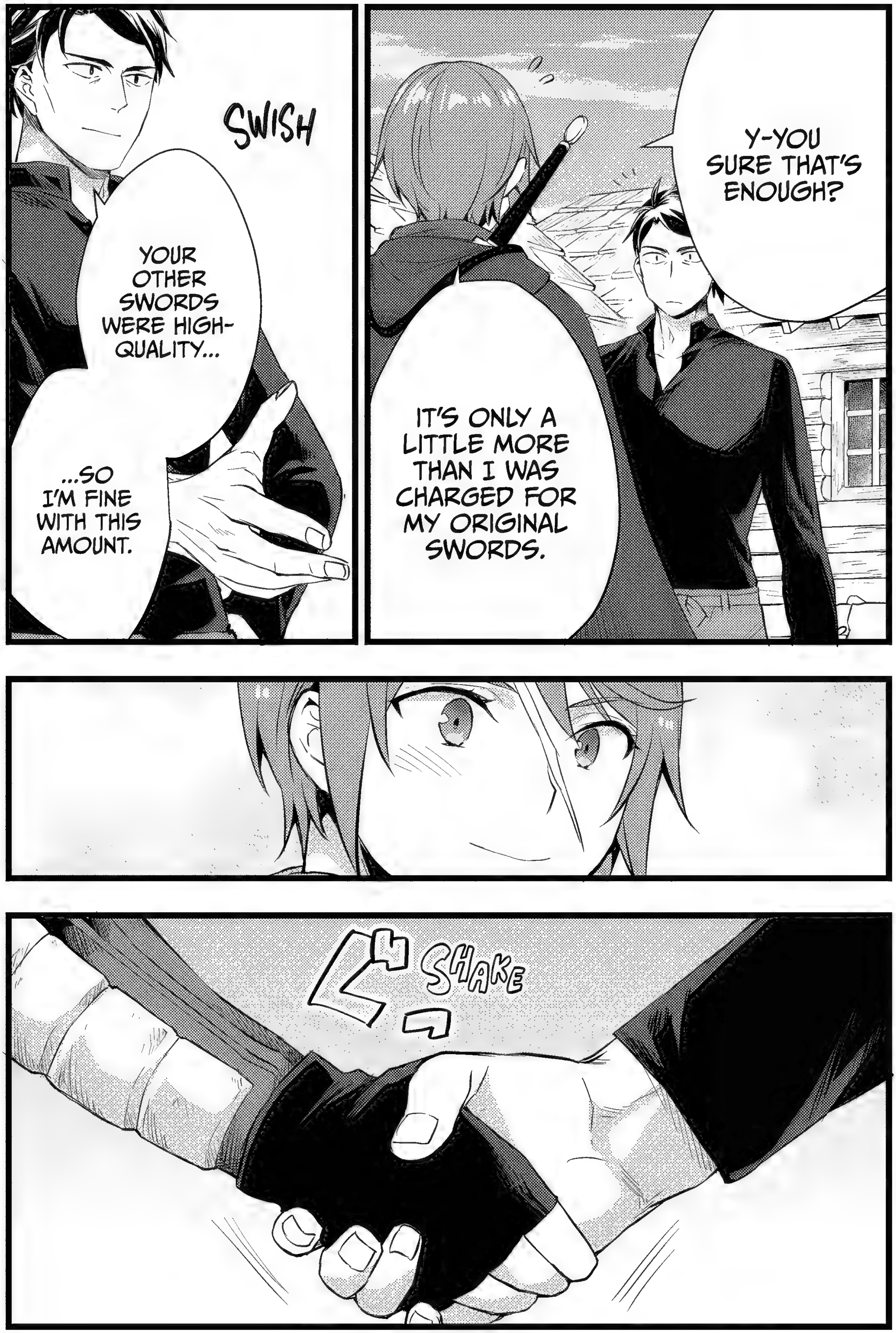
SWISH
WHOOSH
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
WHOOSH
WHISH
WHOOSH
FWOOSH


Huff
Huff
A-
AMAZ-ING!!!
THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!
SWISH
DASH
HUH?

I'M SO GLAD I CAME TO YOU!
ギュゥッ!!
SQUEEEEEZE

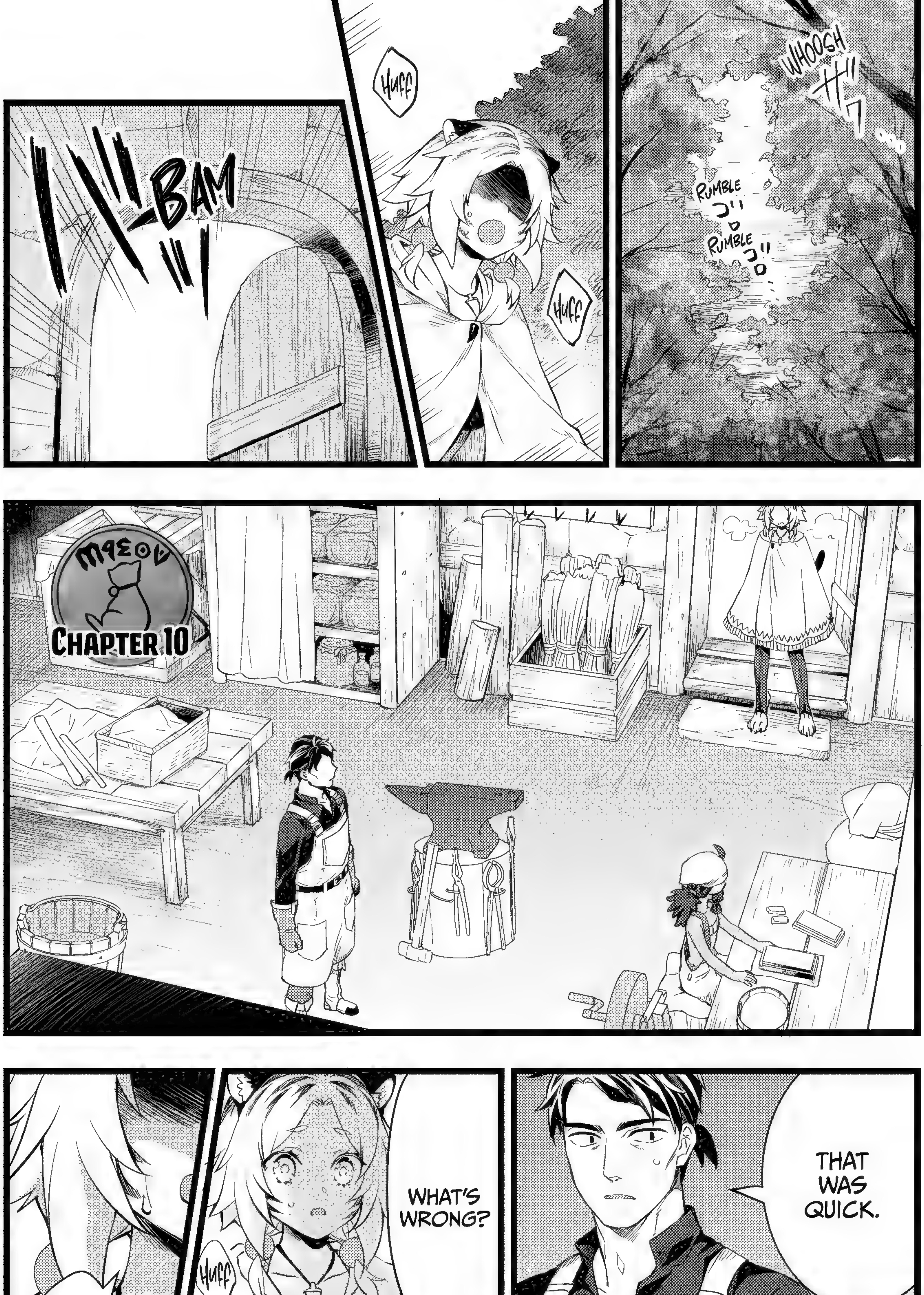
I-I SEE. I'M GLAD YOU LIKE...
ギュ
SQUEEZE
OW!
CRUSH
OW! OW! OW! THAT HURTS!
SQUEEEEEEZE
CREAAAK
DASH
AHEM...
Whew...
I TESTED THEIR DURABILITY, BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I'LL FIX THEM UP. FIND ME HERE OR AT CAMILO'S.
GOT IT! AND AS FOR PAYMENT...
I'm ready to leave!
WHATEVER YOU WANT TO PAY IS FINE.

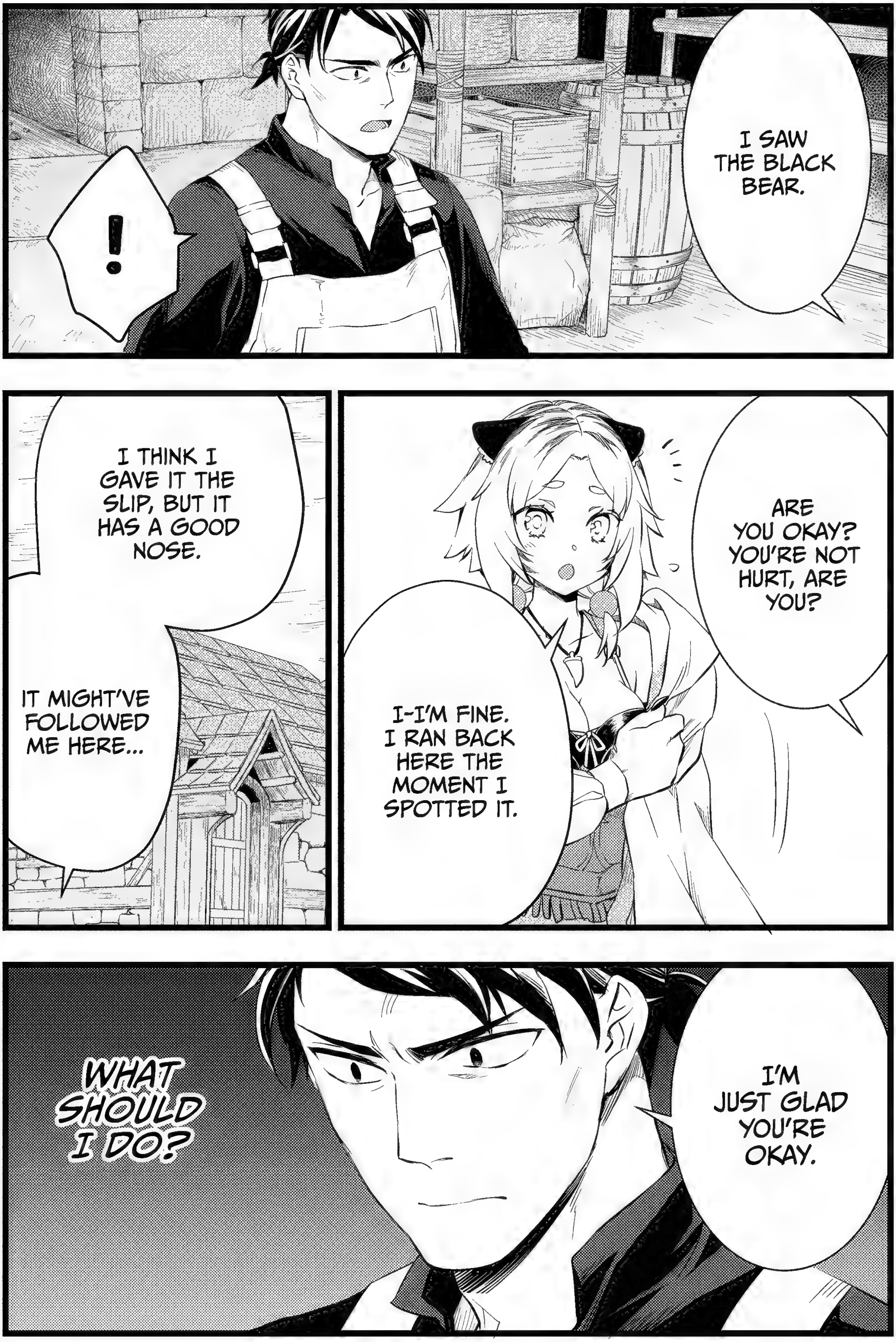

HUH? BUT I DON'T KNOW THE MARKET RATES OR ANYTHING!
DOESN'T MATTER. FOR COMMISSIONS, PAY HOWEVER MUCH THESE SWORDS ARE WORTH TO YOU.
E-ERMM... HRMM...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
ゴソゴソ
O-OKAY.
CLACK
HOW ABOUT THIS? TWO GOLD COINS AND ALL MY SILVER PIECES.
PERFECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.


Y-YOU SURE THAT'S ENOUGH?
IT'S ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN I WAS CHARGED FOR MY ORIGINAL SWORDS.
SWISH
YOUR OTHER SWORDS WERE HIGH-QUALITY...
...SO I'M FINE WITH THIS AMOUNT.
SHAKE

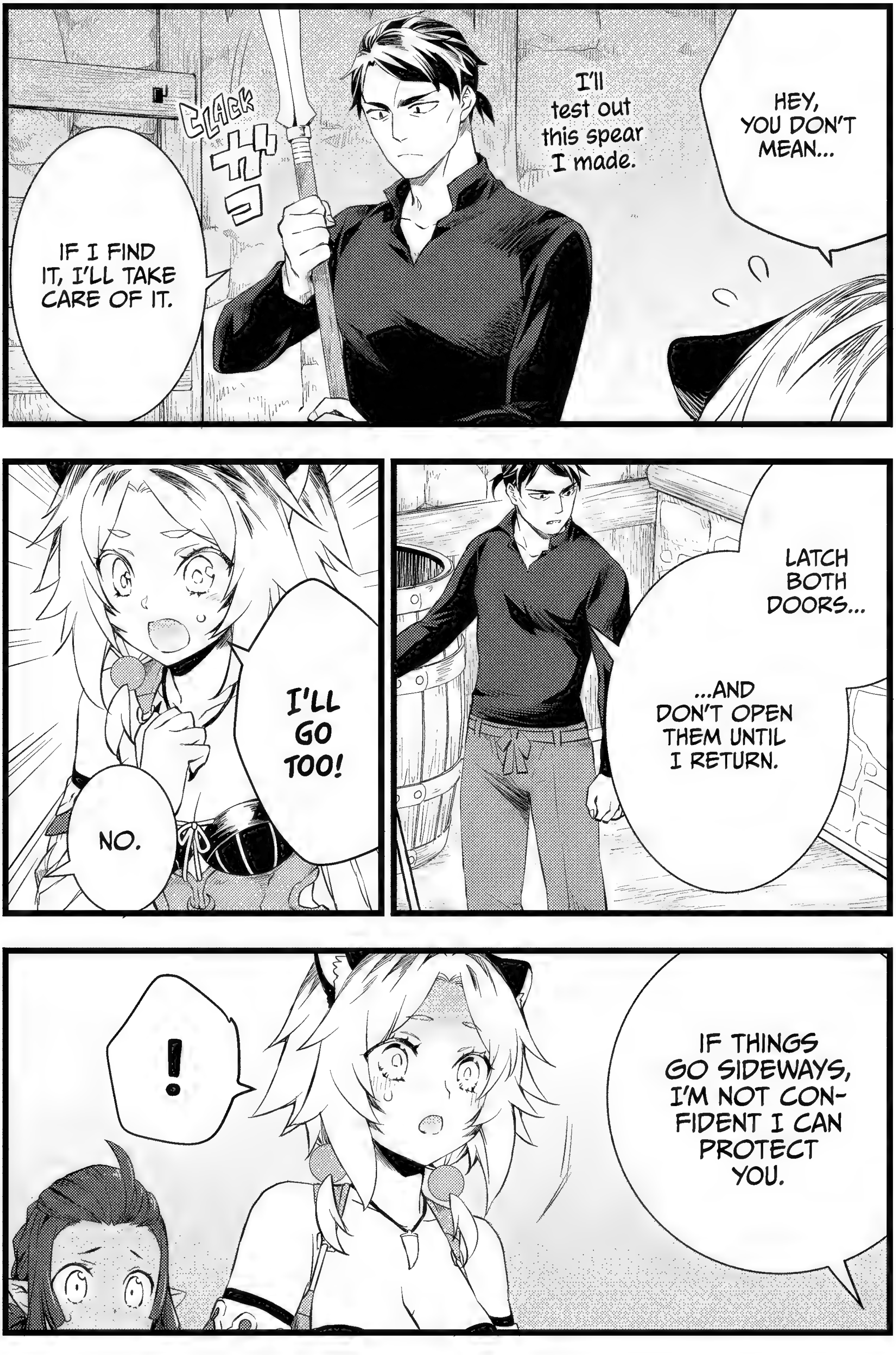
THANK YOU!
MAN, HER STRENGTH WAS NO JOKE.
Phew!
IT TOOK RIKE AND ME EVERYTHING WE HAD TO PEEL HER OFF YOU.
SHE HAS A BOOMING VOICE TOO.
HA HA!

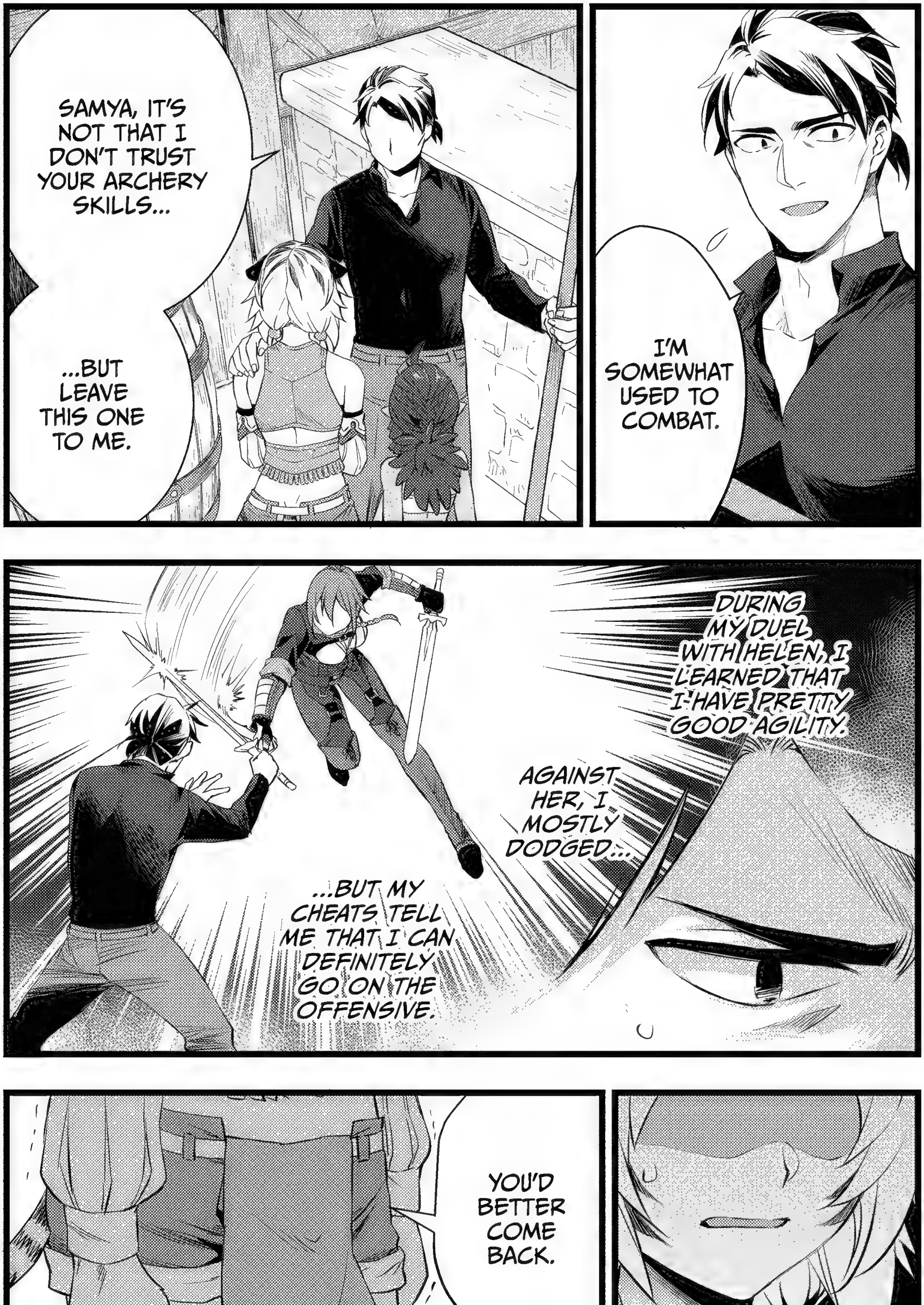
WELL, LET'S GET BACK TO OUR USUAL WORK.
WE SHOULD MAKE A FEW MORE SHORT-SWORDS AND LONGSWORDS.
SURE THING!
I'LL HELP TOO!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
TWO DAYS LATER, THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.
FSHHH


WHOOSH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Huff
Huff
BAM
MEOW
CHAPTER 10
THAT WAS QUICK.
WHAT'S WRONG?
Huff
Huff
I...

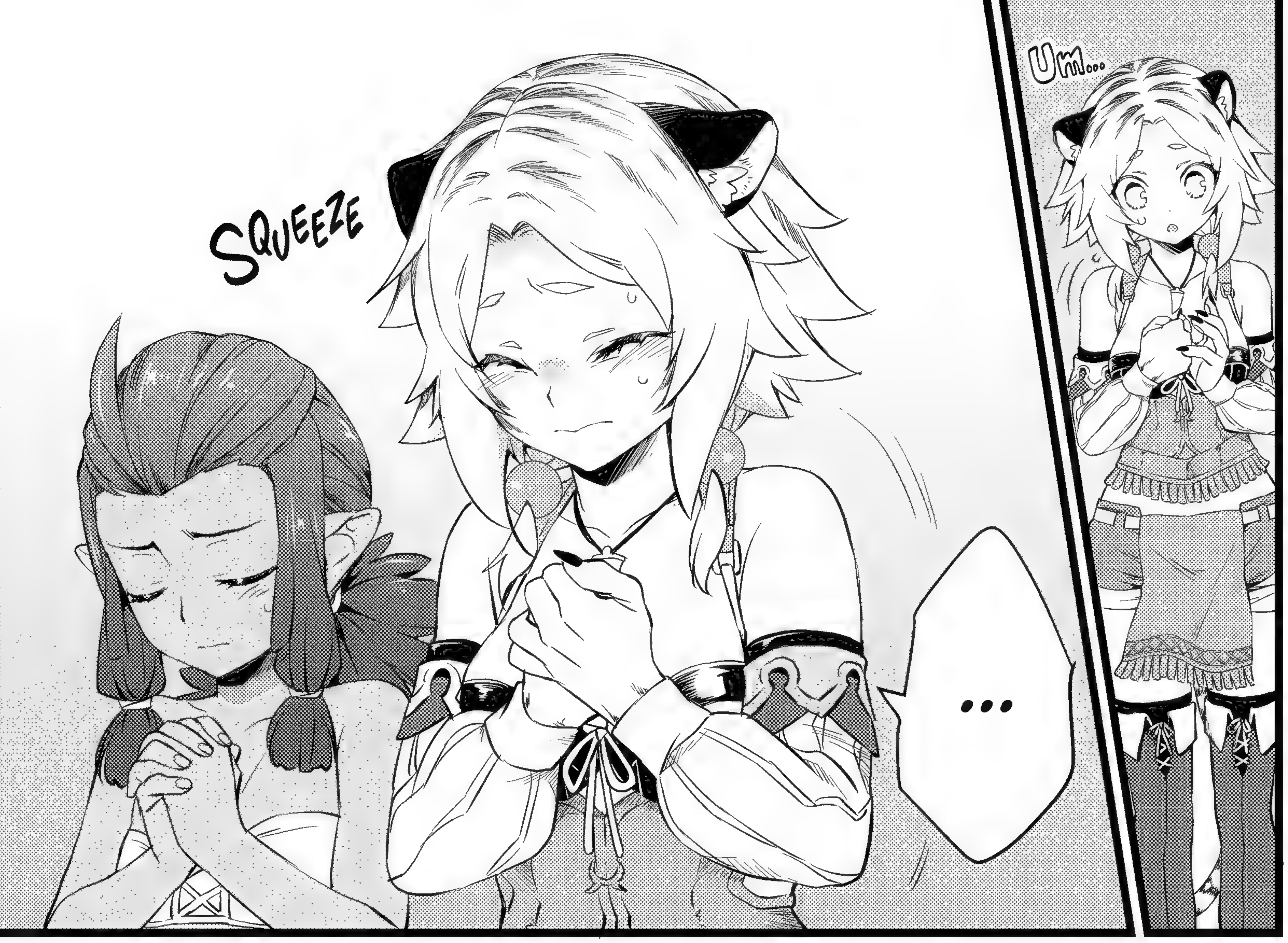

I SAW THE BLACK BEAR.
!
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
I-I'M FINE. I RAN BACK HERE THE MOMENT I SPOTTED IT.
I THINK I GAVE IT THE SLIP, BUT IT HAS A GOOD NOSE.
IT MIGHT'VE FOLLOWED ME HERE...
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

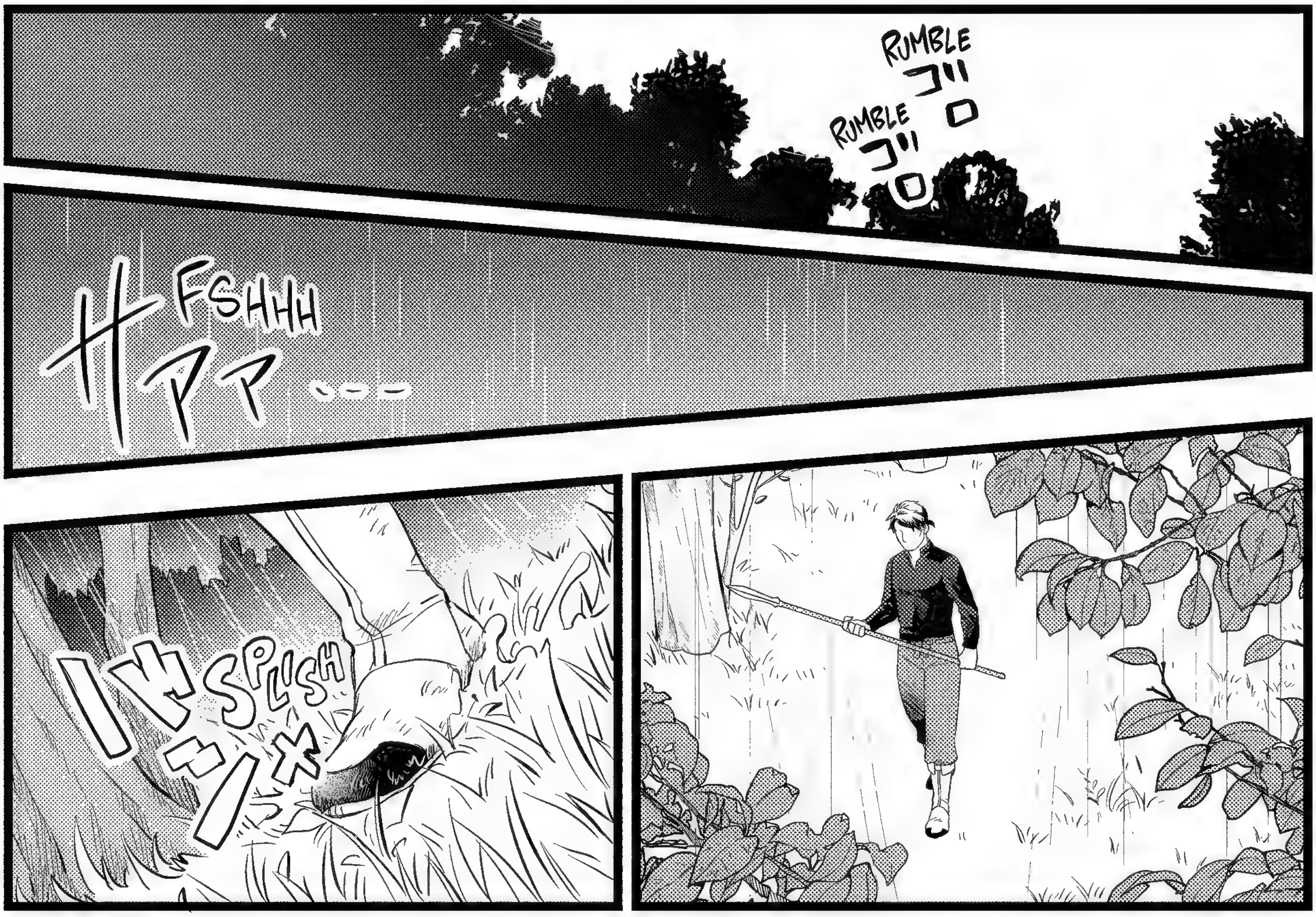
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S AWFULLY CLOSE BY. WE MIGHT RUN INTO IT IF WE VENTURE OUTSIDE.
AND IF SAMYA OR RIKE GET ATTACKED...
I'M GOING OUT.
HUH?


HEY, YOU DON'T MEAN...
I'll test out this spear I made.
CLACK
ガッ
IF I FIND IT, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
LATCH BOTH DOORS...
...AND DON'T OPEN THEM UNTIL I RETURN.
I'LL GO TOO!
NO.
IF THINGS GO SIDEWAYS, I'M NOT CONFIDENT I CAN PROTECT YOU.
!


SAMYA, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOUR ARCHERY SKILLS...
...BUT LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME.
I'M SOMEWHAT USED TO COMBAT.
DURING MY DUEL WITH HELEN, I LEARNED THAT I HAVE PRETTY GOOD AGILITY.
AGAINST HER, I MOSTLY DODGED...
...BUT MY CHEATS TELL ME THAT I CAN DEFINITELY GO ON THE OFFENSIVE.
YOU'D BETTER COME BACK.

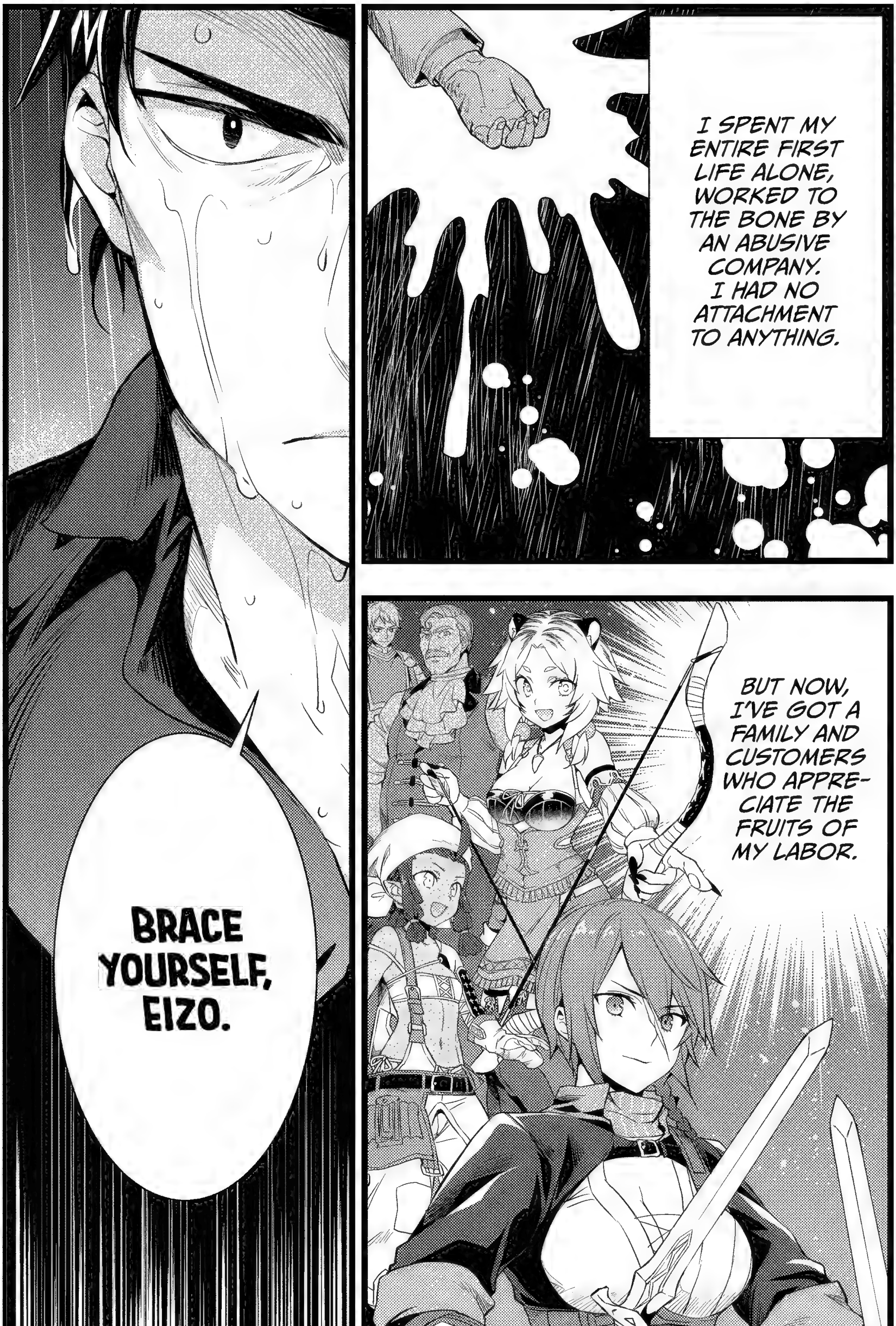
PROMISE ME TOO. PLEASE COME HOME SAFELY.
OF COURSE. I WON'T ABANDON MY PRECIOUS FAMILY.
ZSH
WHOOSH
ザッ
WHOOSH
ザッ
ガッ CLACK
コッ
SQUEEZE


Um...
...
SQUEEZE

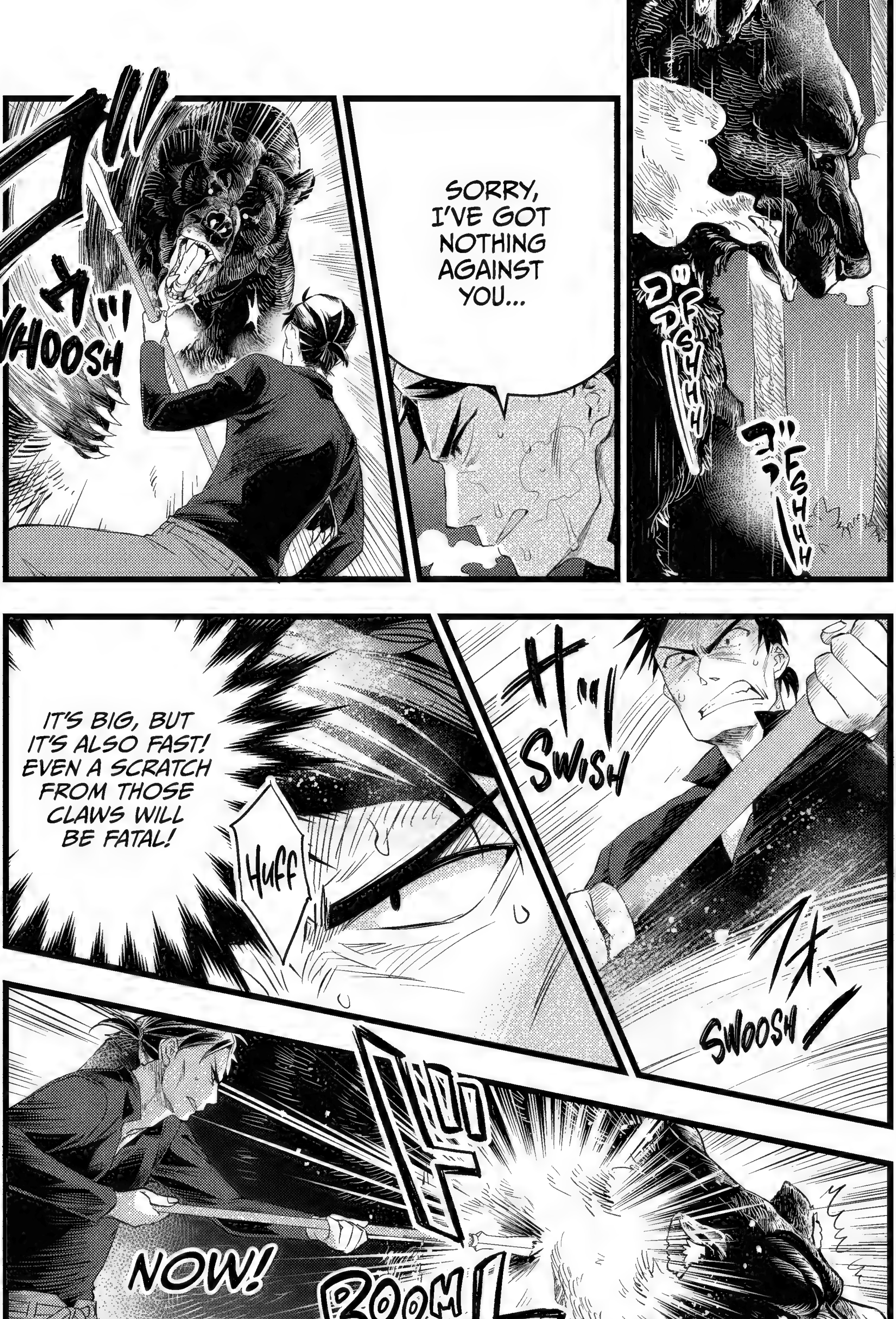

RUMBLE ゴロ
RUMBLE ゴロ
FSHHH ザァァ...
SPLISH

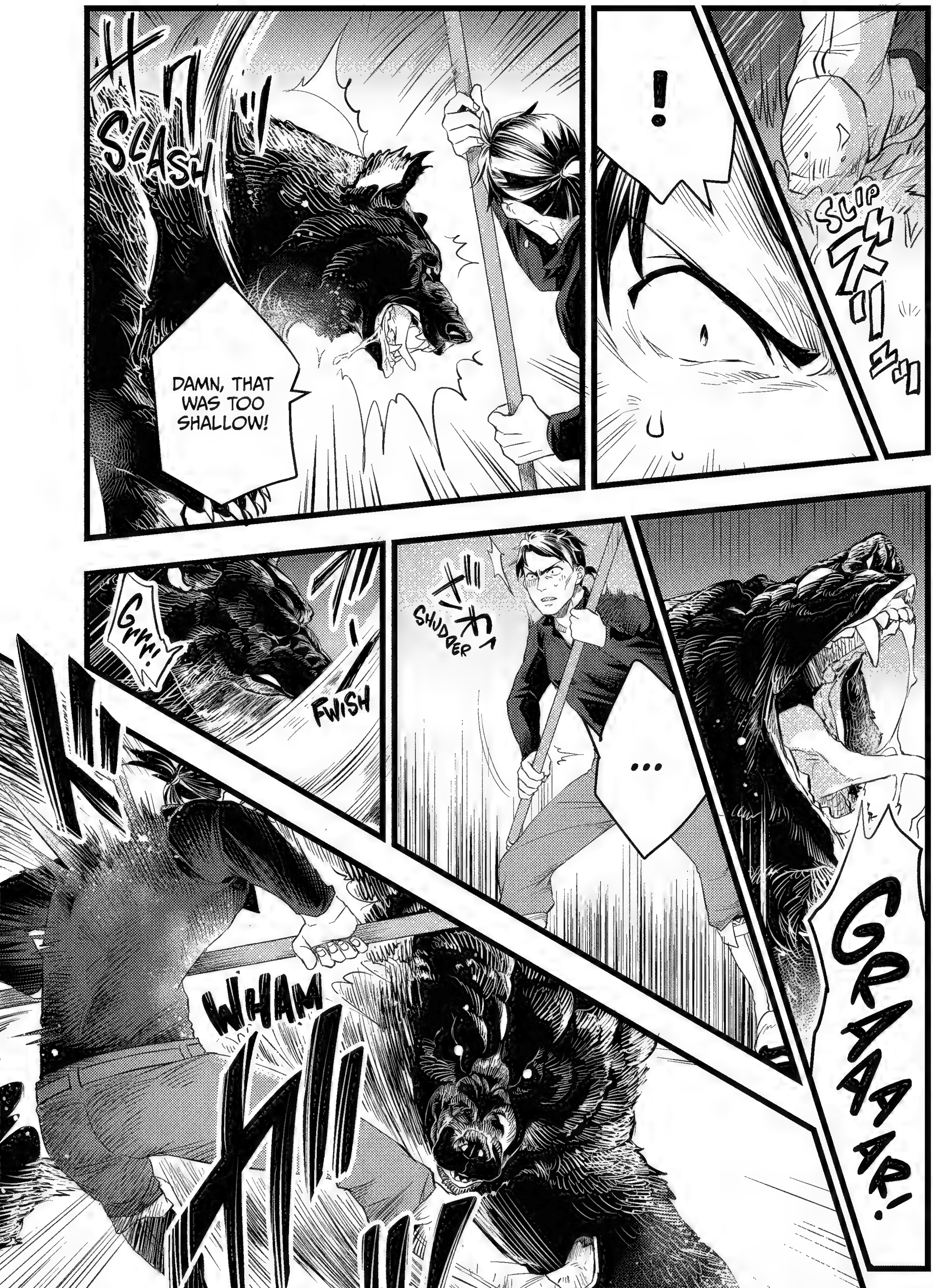
I'M HEADING IN THE DIRECTION THAT FEELS MOST FOREBODING.
SAMYA'S USUALLY THE ONE WHO SENSES DANGER...
...BUT EVEN MY CHEATS CAN PICK UP ON THE MENACING AURA OF THE BLACK BEAR.
FLASH
MY SCENT AND ANY SOUNDS I MAKE WILL BE MASKED BY THE RAIN. IT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SENSE ME.
THIS IS THE BEST CHANCE I'LL GET.
CLENCH
HEH...

A GUY WHO OFFERED HIS LIFE TO SAVE A SINGLE CAT...
...IS NOW STEELING HIMSELF TO KILL A BEAR.
MY BODY MIGHT'VE CHANGED...
...BUT IN MY SOUL, I'M STILL THE SAME MAN WHO WOULD SACRIFICE EVERYTHING TO PROTECT SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
AND NOW...
...I HAVE A FAMILY I WANT TO KEEP SAFE.


I SPENT MY ENTIRE FIRST LIFE ALONE, WORKED TO THE BONE BY AN ABUSIVE COMPANY. I HAD NO ATTACHMENT TO ANYTHING.
BRACE YOURSELF, EIZO.
BUT NOW, I'VE GOT A FAMILY AND CUSTOMERS WHO APPRECIATE THE FRUITS OF MY LABOR.

FLASH
FOUND IT!
TWITCH
STOMP
Grrr...
WHOOM
GRRRRRR...
HEH.
YOU'RE HUGE.


FSHHH
FSHHH
SORRY, I'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST YOU...
WHOOSH
SWISH
SWOOSH
IT'S BIG, BUT IT'S ALSO FAST! EVEN A SCRATCH FROM THOSE CLAWS WILL BE FATAL!
Huff
BOOM
NOW!


SLASH
DAMN, THAT WAS TOO SHALLOW!
!
SLIP
Grrr!
FWISH
SHUDDER
...
GRAAAAAR!
WHAM

ドカッ
SLAM
UGH...
COUGH
LIKE HELL AM I DYING HERE!
ヨロ
STAGGER...
I HAVE A NEW LIFE...
...IN THIS WORLD.
HUFF
COUGH
ゲホッ
GUH...
HUFF

ぐっ
CLENCH
I BUILT MY LIFE HERE STEP-BY-STEP...
SWISH
GRR!
...AND I SWEAR I'LL KEEP IT SAFE!
GRAAAAAAR!

I WANT TO LIVE...
...IN THIS WORLD!
VICTORY IS MINE.
THUD
Huff
Huff
JOLT
Gh!
Grah!
JOLT
TWITCH
TWITCH
Gh...

ハアアアアアア
FSHHHHHH
IT'S NOT MOVING.
NOT BREATHING EITHER.
IS IT... DEAD?
ZSH
じわ…
DRIP
SAMYA SAID IT WAS WEIRD THAT MY BLADES CUT SO WELL, AND I HAVE TO AGREE...
ALL RIGHT.
は
SIGH
ズシャ
SPLASH

FOR THE FIRST TIME, I PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE.
NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER, I'M TREMBLING.
I SURVIVED, THANKS TO MY CHEATS, BUT I CUT IT PRETTY CLOSE.
OUCH.
I'VE GOT QUITE A FEW BRUISES AND SCRATCHES.
GOOD THING NONE OF MY BONES ARE CRACKED.
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH IT?
STAGGER
ヨロ
I'M THE ONE WHO TOOK THIS BEAR'S LIFE.
IN HONOR OF ITS EXISTENCE, I'D LIKE TO EAT IT.
Not sure if it's edible, but...
I'LL CARRY IT WITH ME.

ズ DRAG
DRAG ズ
Huff
MY MUSCLE STRENGTH MIGHT'VE INCREASED...
...BUT THIS THING'S STILL UNBELIEVABLY HEAVY.
DRAG ズル
DRAG ズル
DRIP
DRIP
THE RAIN'S DYING DOWN.
I WANNA GET BACK BEFORE WOLVES AND OTHER PREDATORS ATTACK ME.
AM I FINALLY HALFWAY HOME?

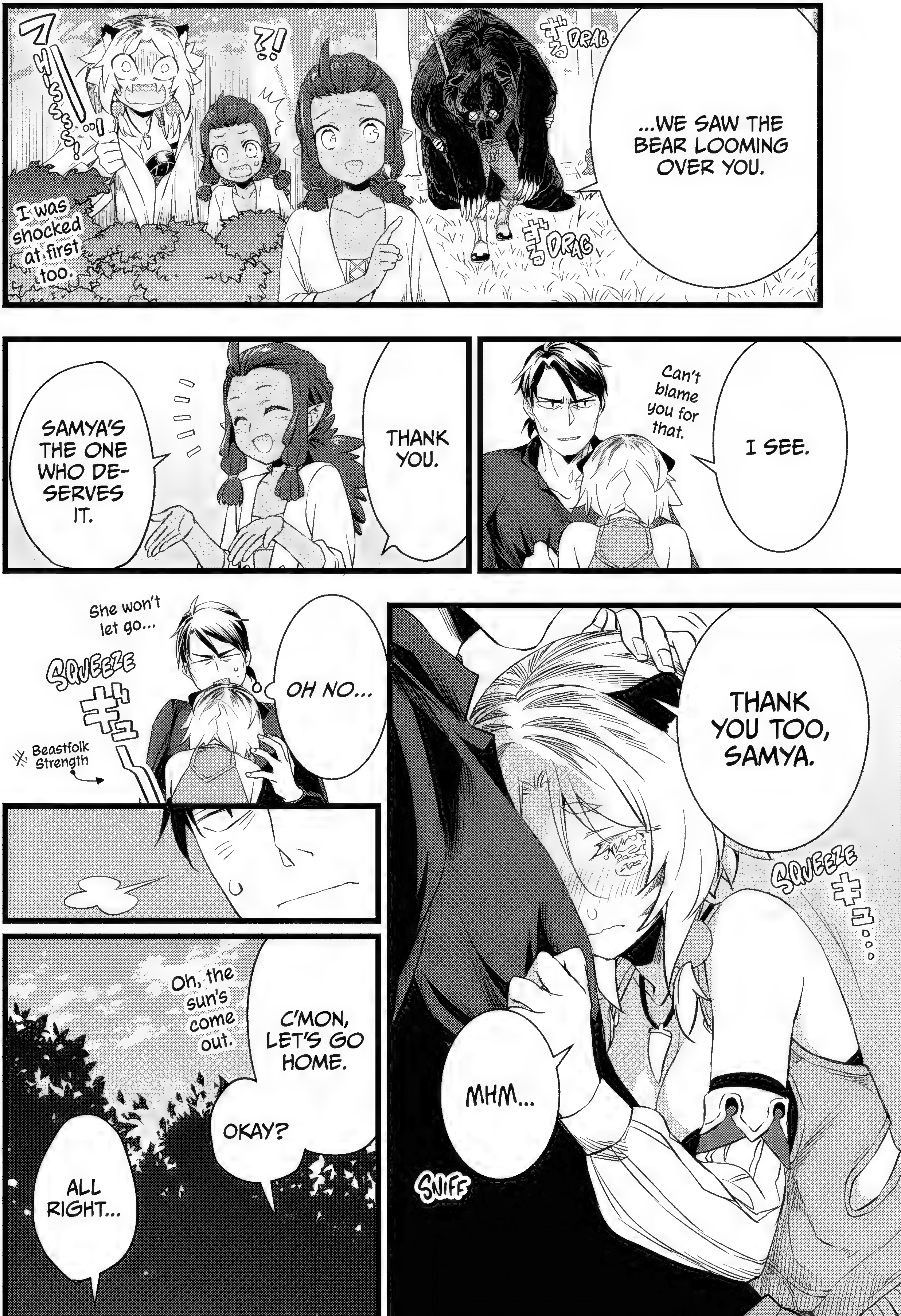
カサッ
RUSTLE
WHOOSH
シャッ!
!
ドンッ!!
WHAM
GRAB
HUH?!
ズシャッ
DRAG
ぐいっ
TUG
WHOA!
ズル
DRAG
ズル
DRAG
ズル
DRAG

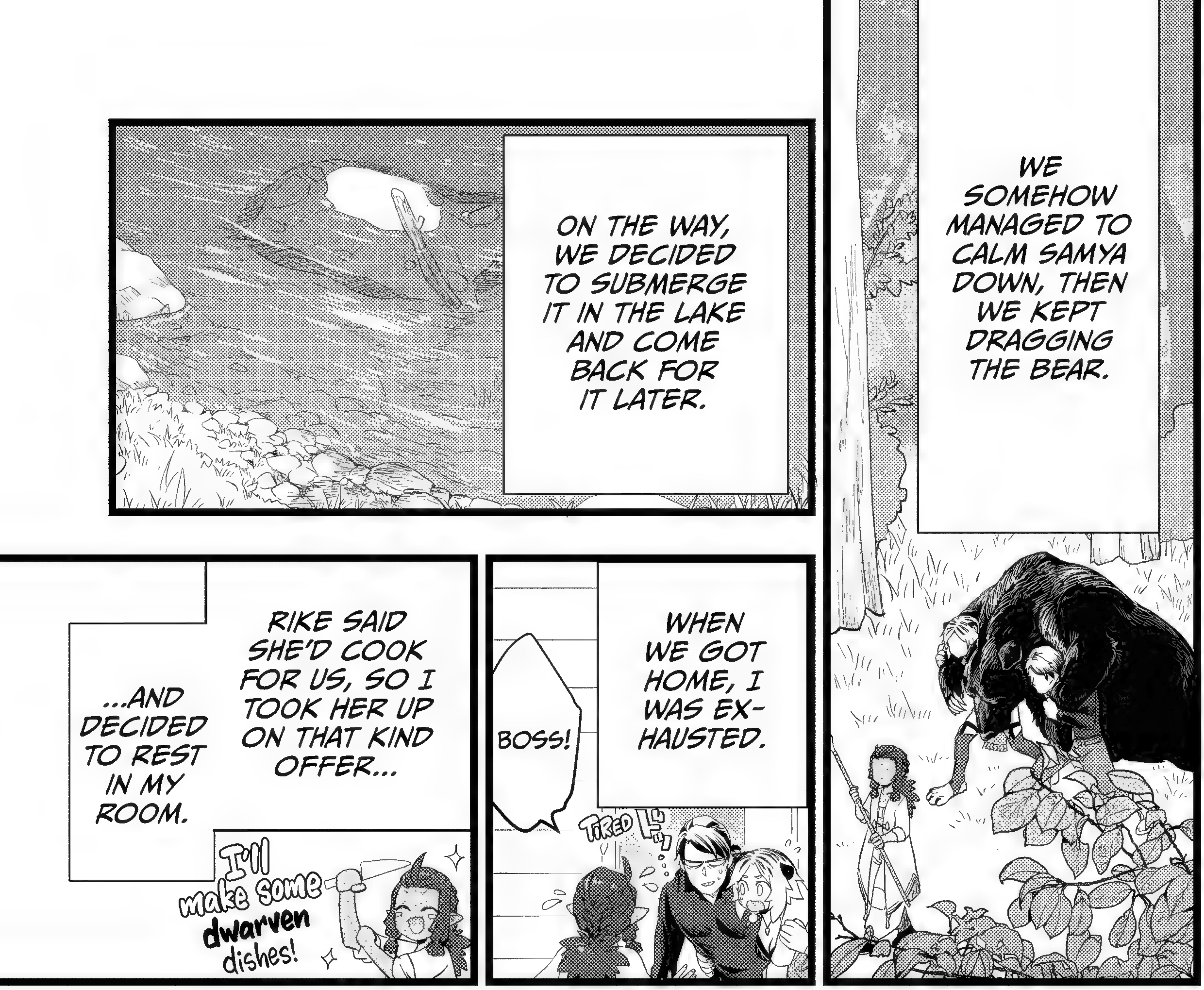
FLUFF
ブワッ
GRRRRRR!
CLENCH
ギチチッ
CLENCH
ギチッ
HISSSS!
GRA-AAAR!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
ざわざわ
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
ギリギリ
SAMYA, I'M FINE! IT'S ALREADY DEAD!
Ouch!
JOLT
びくっ
!
YOU SURE?

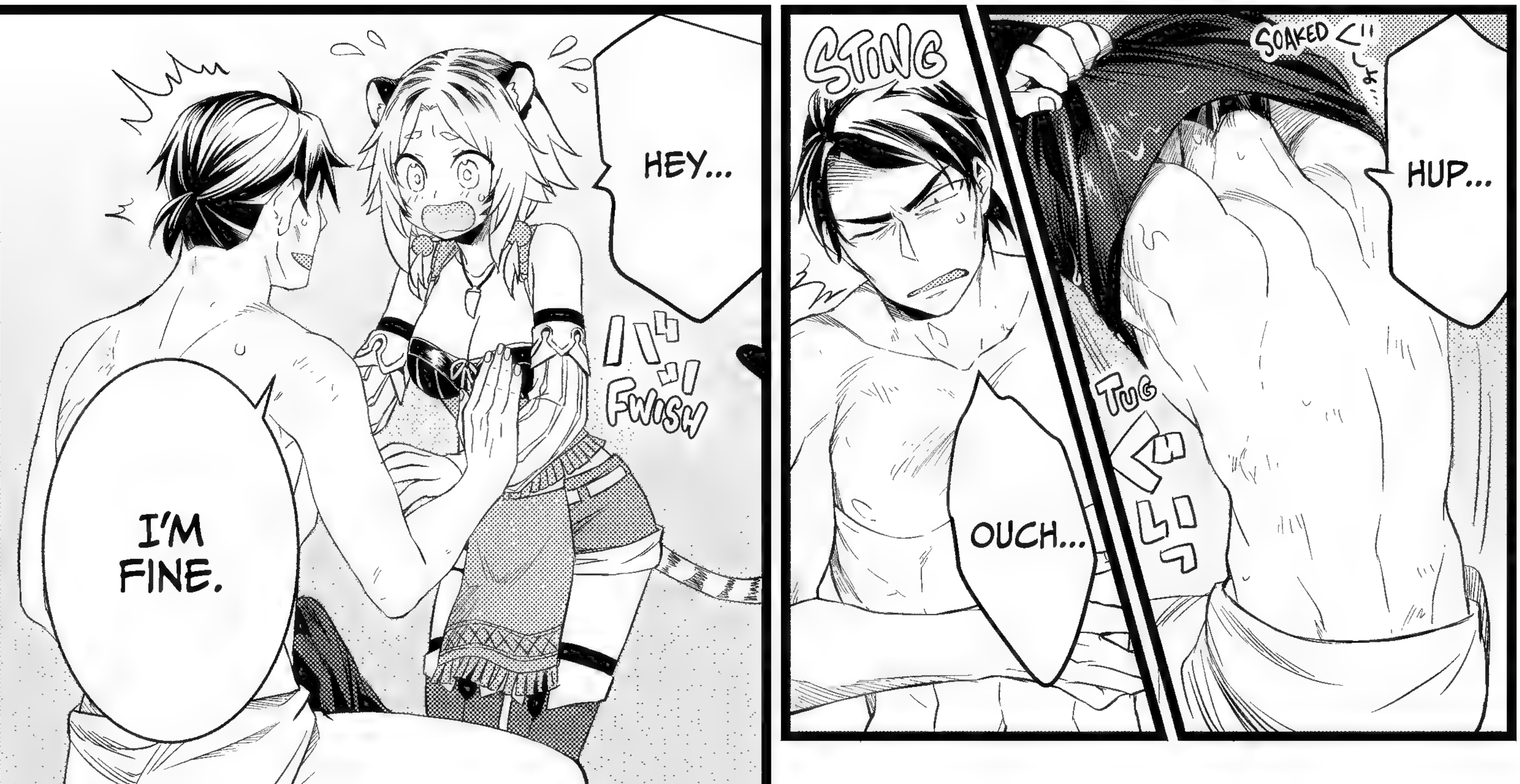
ARE YOU REALLY, TRULY, ABSOLUTELY OKAY?
ズリル SLIDE
Ouch...
I'M SORE ALL OVER, BUT I'VE GOT NO MAJOR INJURIES AND NO BROKEN BONES.
PLIP じわ。。
PLIP ポロ
PLIP ポロ
PLIP ポロ

JOLT
TH- THANK GOD.
!
I'M SO GLAD!
I... I...
Ngh...
Ugh!
WAAAAAH!!
HUG
ポン
POMF
PAT PAT
UGH...
SNIFF...
HAVE I COME AT A BAD TIME?

OF COURSE NOT.
WE'RE OKAY.
THE BRUISE ON MY CHEST HURTS, THOUGH.
RIKE.
YOU WERE GONE FOR A LONG TIME, AND SAMYA GOT WORRIED.
SHE SAID YOU WOULD'VE RETURNED A WHILE AGO IF YOU'D KILLED IT.
SO WE DECIDED TO HEAD OUT AND LOOK FOR YOU.
SHE SMELLED YOUR SCENT MINGLED WITH THE BEAR'S AND SET UP AN AMBUSH. WE WERE PREPARED FOR THE WORST, AND THEN...
LEAVING THE CABIN PUTS YOU GUYS IN DANGER.
A MAIDEN IN LOVE CAN'T BE STOPPED.


...WE SAW THE BEAR LOOMING OVER YOU.
ずる DRAG
ずる DRAG
?!
フ HISSSS!
I was shocked at first too.
I SEE.
Can't blame you for that.
THANK YOU.
SAMYA'S THE ONE WHO DESERVES IT.
THANK YOU TOO, SAMYA.
SQUEEZE キュ...
MHM...
SNIFF
OH NO...
She won't let go...
SQUEEZE ギュ
※Beastfolk Strength
C'MON, LET'S GO HOME.
OKAY?
Oh, the sun's come out.
ALL RIGHT...


WE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO CALM SAMYA DOWN, THEN WE KEPT DRAGGING THE BEAR.
ON THE WAY, WE DECIDED TO SUBMERGE IT IN THE LAKE AND COME BACK FOR IT LATER.
WHEN WE GOT HOME, I WAS EXHAUSTED.
BOSS!
TIRED
RIKE SAID SHE'D COOK FOR US, SO I TOOK HER UP ON THAT KIND OFFER...
...AND DECIDED TO REST IN MY ROOM.
I'll make some dwarven dishes!


SOAKED
HUP...
TUG
STING
OUCH...
HEY...
FWISH
I'M FINE.

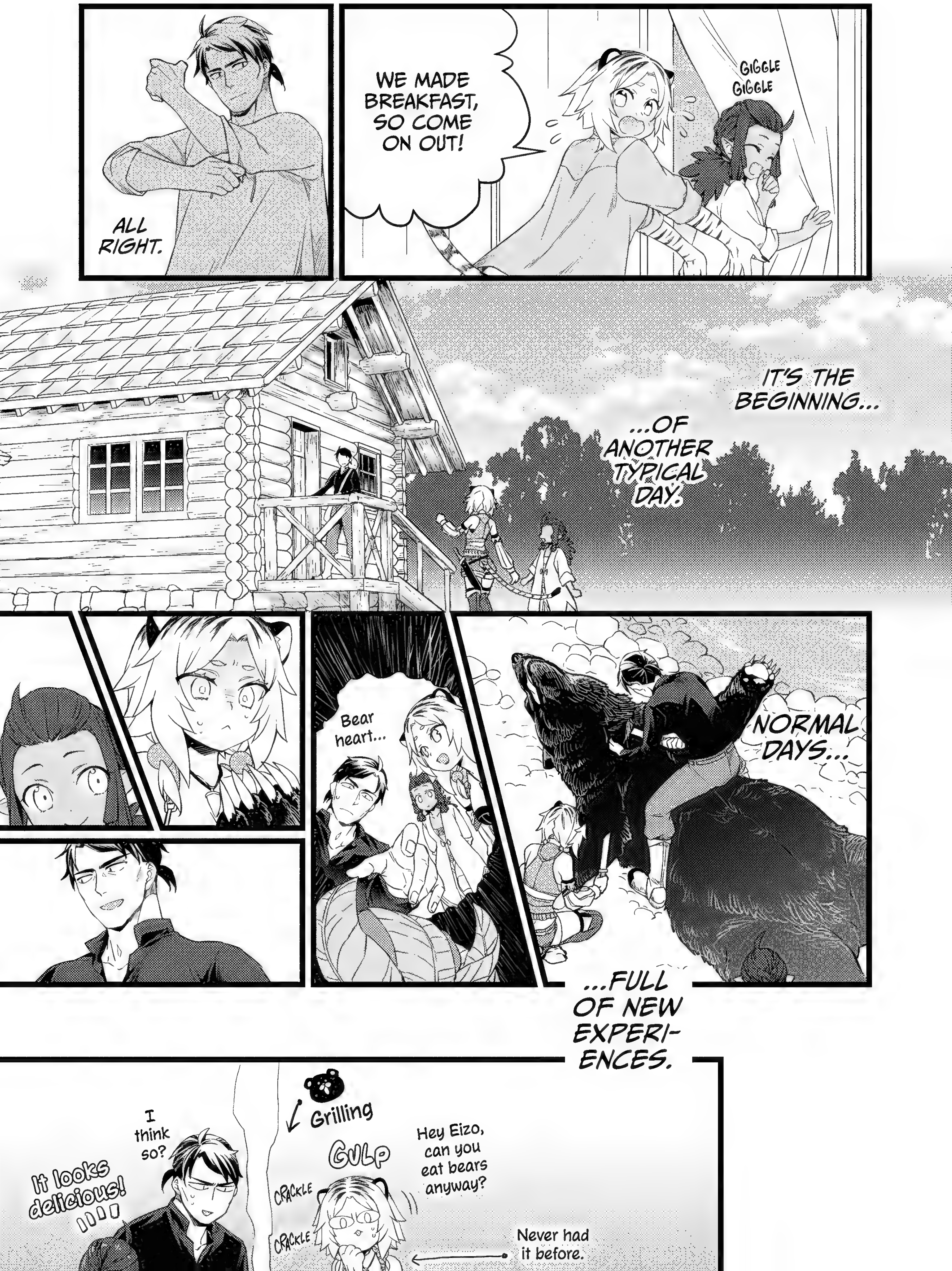
ARE YOU SURE?
うる‥
SNIFFLE
YEP. BUT I'M GONNA WASH UP A BIT...
CRAP, I CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OPEN.
SAMYA... ...CAN YOU LET ME KNOW WHEN...
YEAH?
I CAN'T...
...THE WATER IS...
...HOT?
DROWSY

POMF
?!
?!
スZZZZZZZZZ
ZZZ

PAT
PAT
WELCOME HOME...
...EIZO.
Something...
...feels soft.
BLINK

AW CRAP! I DIDN'T GET CLEANED—
Fwip
I'm in bed? And my clothes...
HUH?
M- MORNING.
You scared me.
YEAH.
UH...
G'MORNING.
WAS I SLEEPING?
LIKE A LOG.
Yep.
I...

...WELL, I HEARD FROM RIKE THAT IT WASN'T GOOD TO LEAVE YOU COVERED IN DIRT...
...SO THE TWO OF US WIPED YOU DOWN AND PUT YOU TO BED.
もじょ MUMBLE
I didn't peek at anything.
もじょ MUMBLE
?
AH, BOSS.
YOU'RE AWAKE.
SEEMS LIKE I OWE BOTH OF YOU. SORRY.
I washed your clothes.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YESTERDAY, SAMYA WAS YELLING, "EIZO IS—"
FWIP ガバッ
AAAHHH! A-A-ARE YOU CRAZY?!
Mmph もがっ
DON'T TELL HIM THAT!
WHY NOT? I THINK IT'S FINE.
Someone's feeling shy.
?


GIGGLE GIGGLE
WE MADE BREAKFAST, SO COME ON OUT!
ALL RIGHT.
IT'S THE BEGINNING...
...OF ANOTHER TYPICAL DAY.
NORMAL DAYS...
Bear heart...
...FULL OF NEW EXPERIENCES.
Never had it before.
Hey Eizo, can you eat bears anyway?
Grilling
GULP
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
I think so?
It looks delicious!

BONUS STORY
FOUND ONE!
キュッ
SQUEEZE
CREAK
BAM
YESSS! ONE SHOT!
EIZO'S ARROWHEADS ARE AMAZING!
ZSH
THIS ONE'S BIG! HE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE IT!
RUSTLE

AFTER ALL, HE LOVES MEAT!
Heh Heh♪
I'M BACK!
OH? LOOKS LIKE YOU CAUGHT ANOTHER WHOPPER.
YEP, SURE DID!
I...
WELCOME BACK.
PAT
PET PET.
...
?
I'M HOME!
GRIN
ニヘ
SAMYA'S DAY
Wash your hands!
End.
HOP

Author: **Tamamaru**

Afterword

Hello, I'm Tamamaru, the author of the light novel. I don't think many people will start reading this series at volume 2, so it's nice to see you all again. We finally introduced a human lady! She was hinted at in the previous volume, and she's extremely strong compared to others in this world. These women are all so unique, aren't they? Sorry if it's a lot to keep up with.

And once more, Yoshino Himori drew them so wonderfully! The family has now butchered a deer and made their own venison sandwiches with unleavened bread. A lot of these images are based on real experiences, so I hope you enjoyed them very much. Everyone is living their forest life to the fullest!

Volume 2 of the manga marks the end of volume 1 of the light novel. Currently, light novel volumes 1-4 have been released, and the fourth volume focuses on Helen! If you enjoyed her here, please be sure to check that out! I would be super happy if you did.

The Eimoor debacle from volume 2 of the light novel is coming up in the manga adaptation, and I hope you enjoy it.

With any luck, I'll see you again!

Afterword

My Quiet Blacksmith Life 2

Hello, I'm Yoshino Himori. Thank you for picking up volume 2 of *My Quiet Blacksmith Life!*

For this book, I was most looking forward to drawing the fight between the bear and Eizo, and also Samya's angry face. I hope you enjoyed these moments!

Remember the fishing scene? I made a trek to Okutama and took pictures of fish actually being caught and grilled on the spot, just so I could incorporate that into the manga. In this day and age, interviews don't give me all the information I need, so I wanted a more hands-on experience. I made sure to maintain my social distance while researching traveling methods that would put me around as few people as possible. (I still had fun, though!)

This manga was initially going to stop at the second volume, but I'm so grateful that I can keep drawing this series! It's all thanks to the readers who picked up these books!

Please continue to enjoy the quiet lives of the Forge Eizo family—I would be thrilled if you did.

Yoshino Himori

Helen in casual wear. Kinta's designs are all so lovely! I enjoy drawing them all!

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For the manga version

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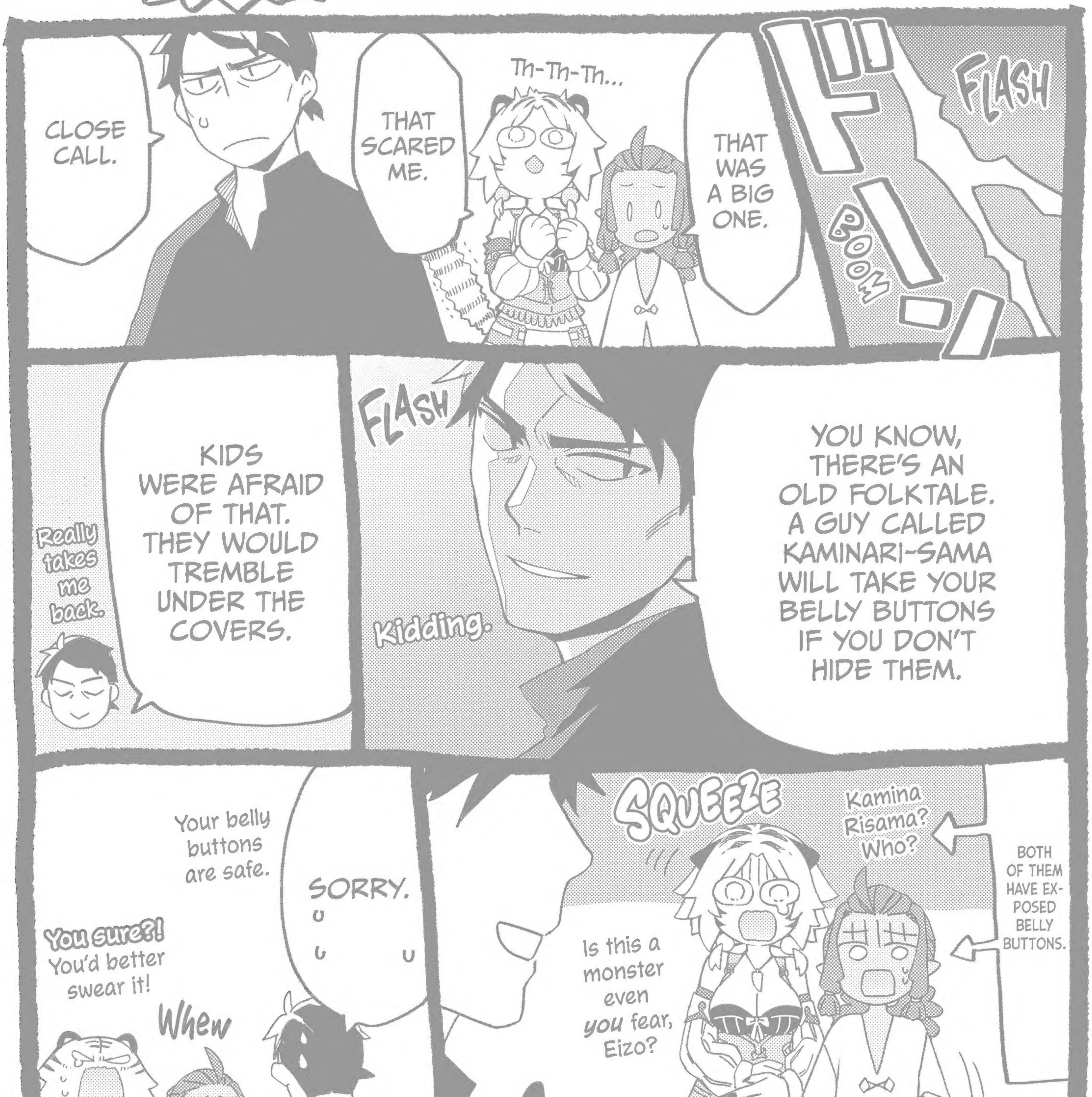
FLASH
ド
BOOM
THAT WAS A BIG ONE.
Th-Th-Th...
THAT SCARED ME.
CLOSE CALL.
YOU KNOW, THERE'S AN OLD FOLKTALE. A GUY CALLED KAMINARI-SAMA WILL TAKE YOUR BELLY BUTTONS IF YOU DON'T HIDE THEM.
FLASH
Kidding.
KIDS WERE AFRAID OF THAT. THEY WOULD TREMBLE UNDER THE COVERS.
Really takes me back.
SQUEEZE
Kamina Risama? Who?
BOTH OF THEM HAVE EXPOSED BELLY BUTTONS.
Is this a monster even *you* fear, Eizo?
SORRY.
Your belly buttons are safe.
You sure?! You'd better swear it!
Whew

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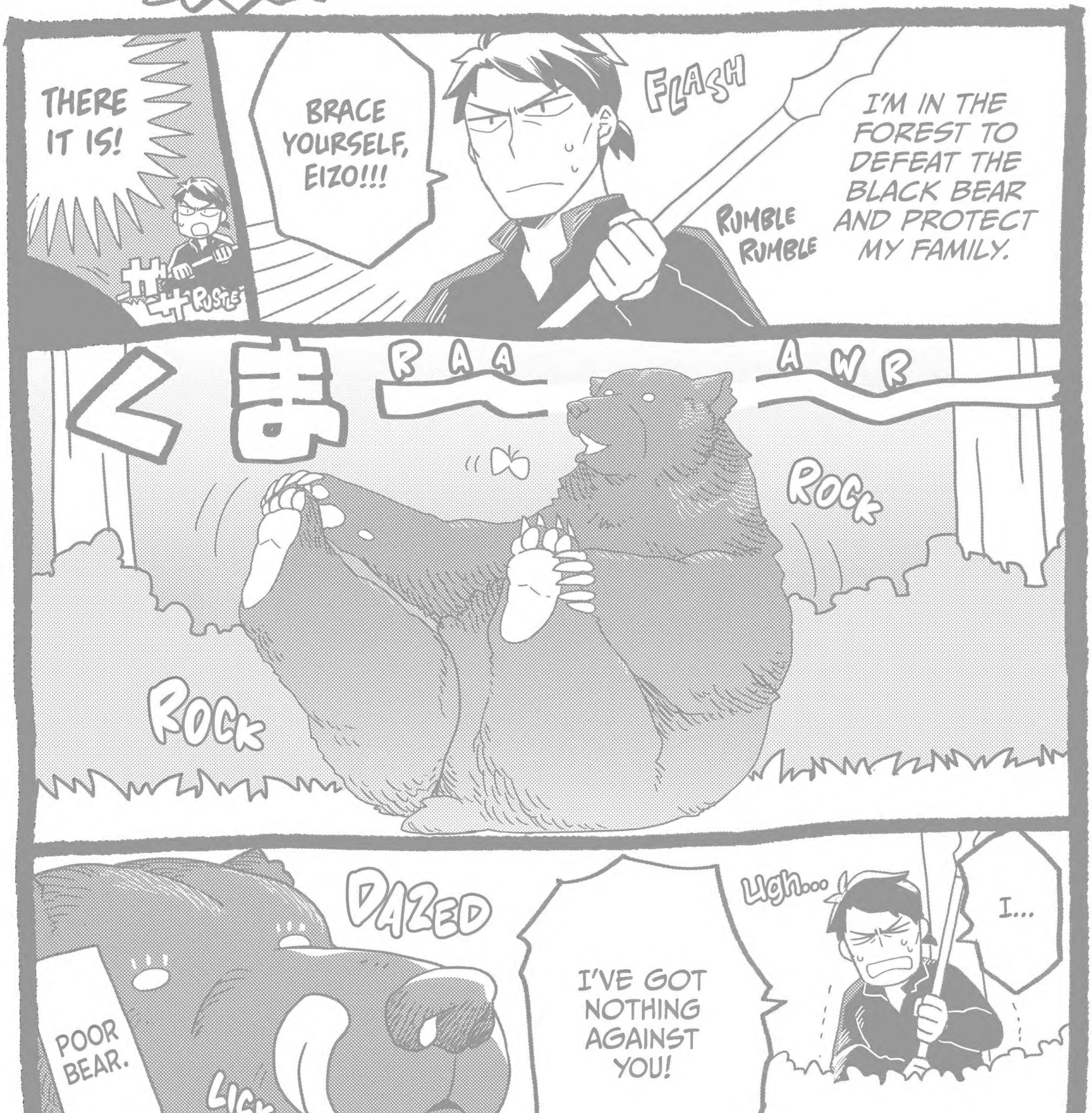

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